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Peter, 71, is reliving his youth with 2,500-mile bike ride to Turkey

A SUPER-FIT pensioner from Aughton is reliving an adventure from his teenage years and raising money for a children's cancer charity - by cycling 2,500 miles across Europe to Turkey at the age of 71!

Report by **Kenny Parker**

But notable athletic achievements are nothing new to former probation officer Peter Simpson.

The grandad recently won gold in his age group while representing GB in the middle distance triathlon at the European Championships in Romania in July. And he has completed an amazing 263 marathons - 23 of them 'trail ultras' of 100 miles-plus!

For the last three years though Peter has harboured a desire to repeat a cycle trip he made when he was 18 from his then home in Rugby to the south of Greece with nothing more than a tent and £1 a day to get by!

Now, encouraged by wife Rosie to use the occasion to raise money for a children's cancer charity near to the couple's second home in Uzumlu western Turkey - he is back in the saddle and set to go even further than that teenage years trek.

Posting on social media before setting off on his incredible journey - estimated to take around five weeks - he wrote: "When I left school I set off on a trip by bike which took me to southern Greece and back.

"No phones, only a postcard home to say where I was and no credit cards, just the money in my pocket which had to last (£1 per day!)

"En route I biked through London, Paris, Vienna Rome, Naples, Athens and saw all the sights - as well as lots of mountains and coasts, of course.

"In 2016 I had a notion of sort of repeating the experience 50 years later by cycling to our second home in Turkey but somehow other plans and adventures intruded and it is only now that I am getting around to it - 53 years older but no wiser and regrettably less strong!

"I had intended it to be low-key, especially as I have no idea how well I will manage and it could all go horribly wrong. But Rosie persuaded me that it would be a good opportunity to raise some money for a children's cancer charity in Turkey."

Peter met Rosie while working as a probation officer in Liverpool and the couple, who have two children and two grandchildren, have lived in Aughton since 1990 when Peter became assistant chief probation officer for Lancashire.

Daughter, Katy, told the Champion: "We are all extremely proud and in awe of his mega-amazing feats - but he is also the best dad and grandad we could wish for. He's a very humble and kind man, who regularly gives time and money to help others and those less fortunate than himself. And although he wanted to keep this latest challenge 'low key' we can't help but shout it from the rooftops as we think he is truly awesome."

Peter Simpson - back in the saddle for another marathon bike ride.

This time around, Peter entered Europe by the Hook of Holland and after visiting son Paul, who lives in the Netherlands, is taking a more northerly route through Germany and Bulgaria.

He is once again travelling with a tent and camping wherever he can - although this time around he is also packing a mobile phone which he hopes to charge in the occasional campsite along the way!

Former nurse is new hospital chief executive

A FORMER nurse who was honoured with an MBE earlier this year is the new chief executive at Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust.

Trish Armstrong-Child *(right)* who is currently the deputy chief executive and director of nursing at Bolton NHS Foundation Trust, will take over from current chief executive Silas Nicholls, who is moving to Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust.

The announcement means she becomes the trust's fourth chief executive in under three years, Former chief executive Jonathan Parry was suspended in August 2015 and sacked in October 2016. He was followed by two interim chief executives before Mr Nicholls took on the role in December 2017.

Ms Armstrong-Child was inspired to become a nurse by her mum's work as a health care assistant in a nursing home and qualified as a registered general nurse in 1992. She completed her training at Whiston Hospital, Merseyside, and worked at other North West trusts as staff nurse, sister and matron. She went on to hold senior positions in nursing and NHS operational management, including deputy director of operations at the Royal Liverpool and Broadgreen University Hospitals NHS Trust.

In 2018, Trish was awarded an honorary doctorate from the University of Bolton for her 'outstanding contribution to health care.' Bolton has strong links with the university and she worked with them to establish a pre-registration nursing degree. In awarding the honour, the university said she had quadrupled the places open to nursing students.

She was awarded a MBE for services to nursing in the 2019 New Year's Honours List.

Commenting on her appointment, she said: "I am delighted to be joining Southport and Ormskirk as

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Hospital Baby Garden rededicated in special ceremony at open day

THE Baby Garden at Ormskirk Hospital has been rededicated at a special ceremony during the recent community open day.

West Lancs MP Rosie Cooper was among guests who helped to celebrate the occasion after the garden was restored and replanted thanks to the fundraising efforts of a local family who experienced their own loss.

Situated in a suitably quiet place near to the hospital reception, the garden is open to all visitors but particularly those who have experienced a loss in pregnancy.

Reverend Martin Abrams, chaplain at Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust, conducted the service that was attended by around 100 people incuding hospital staff and members of the public.

There was also a chance for families to plant 'bulbs of hope' in memory of lost babies.

A forget-me-not area for 'Our Never Forgotten Babies', was created especially for parents who have never been able to discover where their babies were laid to rest.

Juliette Cosgrove, Director of nursing, midwifery and therapies at the trust, Juliette Cosgrove, said: "Baby loss is devastating and the experience can stay with people for the rest of their lives. So creating a beautiful space, in which people can remember and reflect, is very helpful.

"We're delighted that this donation has allowed us to improve the garden, so it can be a place of solace and reflection for many years to come."

Rosie Cooper added: "Support for grieving families at this time is essential and providing places of reflection and remembrance such as this garden are just some of the ways I know Southport and Ormskirk Hospitals are giving that support."

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Police make fourth arrest in connection with armed robbery at Aughton farm

Renewed appeal for information about incident which left man with shot wounds

Report by **Henry James**

DETECTIVES investigating an armed robbery in Aughton have arrested a fourth person in connection with the crime while continuing their appeal for information.

Police were called at around 9.40pm on Sunday, July 28 to a report that a man had been injured during an incident at a farm in Back Lane.

Officers, including armed patrols, attended the address and found a 65-year-old victim who had been shot to the ankle and knee. He was taken to hospital for treatment and is recovering.

During the incident four shotguns, jewellery, watches and cash were stolen from inside the property.

Following initial investigations, a 30-year-old man from Liverpool was arrested on suspicion of armed robbery and a 37-year-old woman, also from Liverpool, was arrested on suspicion of aggravated burglary, possession of firearms offences and fraud.

Both have since been released under investigation pending further enquiries.

Meanwhile a 38-year-old man from Kirkby was arrested on suspicion of robbery, possession of a firearm while committing an offence and fraud by false representation. He has been bailed pending further enquiries.

In the latest arrest on Wednesday, September 11 a 56-year-old man from Ormskirk was detained on suspicion of robbery. He has since been bailed pending further enquiries.

As part of ongoing police enquiries a number of addresses in Merseyside and Lancashire have been searched.

Police presence at the scene following the robbery at the farm in Aughton.

Detective Inspector Jason Richardson of Lancashire Police, said: "This was an extremely serious incident where a 65 year old man has suffered life-changing injuries and our thoughts remain with him at this difficult time. A woman who was also present when the robbery took place has understandably been left traumatised by her ordeal.

"While we have made four arrests, our enquiries are ongoing. We know some time has now passed since the incident but that won't stop us from moving forward with our investigation and we have a dedicated team of detectives committed to the enquiry.

"I would urge people to cast their minds back to that date and think if they heard or saw anything suspicious. If you haven't already contacted us and have any information, no matter how small or insignificant, we would like to hear from you."

Anyone with information about the incident is asked to call Lancashire Police immediately on 101 quoting reference 1553 of July 28. Alternatively independent charity Crimestoppers can be contacted anonymously on 0800 555 111 or online at crimestoppers-uk.org.

Former nurse is new hospital trust chief

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chief executive. Hailing from Merseyside and living locally, I am excited about the opportunity to lead the next stage of development for the trust, putting community interests and patient care at the forefront of what we do."

Trust chair Neil Masom added: "I want to congratulate Trish on her appointment and look forward to welcoming her to the trust. She was appointed from a very strong field of candidates, further showing what an attractive place Southport and Ormskirk now is for talented individuals at all levels wanting to develop in their NHS careers."

Trish's start date with the trust will be announced shortly.

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New support service for children in West Lancs with ADHD

Report by **Henry James**

CHILDREN in West Lancashire are to benefit from a new Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) service.

Commissioned by the NHS West Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), it will be provided by ADHD North West starting this month.

The service will offer a whole family approach and focus on providing information, support and advice to the parents/guardians of children affected by disorder and its associated conditions.

This free service for families will include:

- ADHD North West's eight-week specialist ADHD Parent Empowerment & Skills Training programme (for parents of children between six and 12 years)
- One-to-one appointments
- Family outreach support (i.e. home visits)
- Liaison with schools.

Barbara Worrall, chair at ADHD North West, said: "This new service will work with parents and guardians, as well as schools, to offer a joined-up programme of care in respect of children living with ADHD to ensure that measures and support are in place for their specific needs.

Phil Winnard, mental health commissioning manager at NHS West Lancashire CCG.

"Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder is a neurodevelopmental disorder that includes symptoms such as inattentiveness, hyperactivity and impulsiveness. Symptoms of ADHD tend to be recognised at an early age and may become more noticeable when a child's circumstances change, such as when they start school".

Phil Winnard, mental health commissioning manager at NHS West Lancashire CCG, added: "In West Lancashire there are more than 450 children who live with ADHD and nationally around five percent of the nation's children have ADHD.

"It is important that we work with organisations like ADHD North West to ensure that we can offer this level of support to children and families affected and we are very much looking forward to seeing how the service develops.

Initiatives

"ADHD North West have an excellent reputation and they will enhance the services already provided in West Lancashire."

West Lancashire CCG are currently reviewing and developing their services for children and adults with neuro-developmental disorders and say this service is the first of many initiatives that they want to develop over the coming months.

Referrals can be made by any professional, or parents can self-refer. Parents/guardians who would like to benefit from this service should contact ADHD North West on 01254 352586, via the contact page on their website www.adhdnorthwest.org.uk, or by email at reception@adhdnorthwest.org.uk.

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High street fund cash boost for town centre

Project aims to help 'traditional' traders compete with online outlets

Report by **Kenny Parker**

ORMSKIRK town centre is one of 69 'historic' high streets across the UK to receive a share of £95m government funding to help it compete with online shopping.

The money is to be used to help transform disused historic buildings into shops, houses and community centres and help traditional businesses adapt to better compete with online outlets.

West Lancs Council originally applied for £763,000 for Ormskirk but the final sum to be awarded has yet to be finalised.

The Government says it has given the cash boost to help high streets adapt to changing consumer habits, due to increasing competition from online outlets putting traditional traders across the country under growing pressure.

The initiative will be funded by combining £40 million from the Department for Digital, Culture Media and Sport's Heritage High Street Fund with £52 million from the Ministry of Housing, Communities, and Local Government's Future High Street Fund.

A furthetr £3 million will be provided by the National Lottery Heritage Fund to support a cultural programme to engage people in the life and history of their high streets.

As the Champion went to press West Lancs Council had not provided a comment about how much it will receive or what it will spend the money on.

Moor Street, Ormskirk could benefit from extra government funding

However, Historic England said the original bid submitted by the borough council was for £763,000, though a final decision on the level of funding will be made by January 2020.

Historic England is working with the authority to draw up delivery plans over the next few months.

Ormskirk is one of 14 high streets in the North West which together will share £18.7m. General Government guidance is that the funding will be used for a variety of projects, including:

To complete essential repair works in historic buildings and reveal hidden and forgotten features of buildings by restoring shop-fronts and facades.

Stimulate commercial investment in high streets by demonstrating how historic sites can be successfully re-purposed.

Develop education projects and bespoke events to help reposition historic buildings as community hubs at the heart of local towns and villages.

Help address the UK-wide skills shortage of heritage professionals in expert fields like stonemasonry and conservation by providing local property owners, residents and businesses with the opportunity to train in these areas.

Catherine Dewar, Regional Director in the North West for Historic England, said: "High streets are right at the heart of our communities.

"It's fantastic news for the people and businesses of Ormskirk that they will receive this boost to help them bring new life to this part of the town centre.

"Our high streets face many challenges, with some historic buildings underused or even empty, but with a little investment and imagination they can be transformed into vibrant places that attract new businesses and other new uses."

MP welcomes 'opportune' investment for borough

ROSIE Cooper has welcomed the news of government funding for West Lancs Council to support Ormskirk town centre.

The MP had urged the local authority to make a bid to the scheme for Ormskirk town centre as it met the required criteria, including being in a conservation area.

She had become aware of £44m of Government and Historic England funding to create new High Streets Heritage Action Zones, giving councils, businesses and community groups access to expert advice and investment to bring historic buildings back into use and support historic high streets to adapt the challenges they face, something she felt would benefit Ormskirk town centre.

There is also a further £3m from the National Lottery Heritage Fund to support a cultural programme to engage people in the life and history of their high streets, and £15m for the Architectural Heritage Fund to support social enterprise organisations to take ownership of and bring buildings of local importance such as pubs, libraries, theatres and shops back into use.

Ms Cooper said:"This is a great boost for Ormskirk and West Lancashire and I hope that the council can use this opportunity and really drive investment and retailers into Ormskirk with spin-off benefits for the rest of the borough.

"The funding for Ormskirk comes at an opportune time to regenerate our town centres, with the multi-million pound Skelmersdale town centre development due to begin in the coming months.

"Securing funding through Historic England will help ensure investment and protections are put in place to maintain Ormskirk's historic nature and many of its remaining buildings of historic importance to the town."

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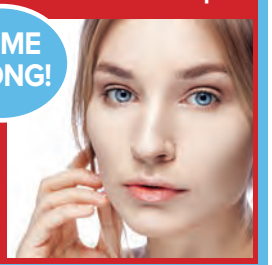
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Care trust establishes strategic partnership to focus on improving access and delivery of mental heath services

AN improvement partnership established between Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust ((LCFT) and Northumberland Tyne and Wear NHS Foundation Trust (NTW) is well underway with the first transformation programme ready to launch.

Building on the positive work to date and the supportive relationship that has been formed between the trusts, the strategic partnership will enable joint working with a specific focus on improving access and the delivery of mental health services.

The first piece of transformation work will focus on developing a more robust bed management system with the intention of making current processes more effective and identifying alternatives to admission to improve patient flow.

On a broader basis, engagement will be undertaken with staff, patients, GPs, social care and wider stakeholders to co-produce and re-design the secondary mental health model.

Caroline Donovan.

Key focuses will be on maximising the contact time that clinicians have with patients and patient experience. Once the transformation in Pennine Lancashire has been completed, the plan is to then roll it out across the trust's other localities.

Chief executive, Caroline Donovan, said: "Over recent months we have established a strong working relationship with NTW and as an outstanding trust they have a lot of good practice and a willingness to share, which is supportive of our improvement journey.

"We also share a commonality in terms of key programmes of work that are progressing and there are opportunities for us to come together and share our learning and expertise drawing from our experiences."

The trusts have worked closely on a number of projects over the last year, including the independent review carried out by NTW of the Lancashire and South Cumbria mental health system and more recently the on-going transfer of Cumbria mental health services into NTW and LCFT.

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… and earns national chief's praise for work to provide better service for young people in the county

A NATIONAL health chief has praised the work done by Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust to improve mental health services for children and young people in the county.

Shaun Duggan, chief executive of the Mental Health Network at NHS Confederation, visited the trust to see first-hand of some of the work undertaken, including at The Cove - the specialist inpatient unit for young people between the ages of 13 and 18 who are experiencing a variety of mental health problems.

Executive director of operations at Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust, Russell Patton, said: "Shaun was particularly keen to visit The Cove to get a greater understanding of the specialist nature of the services that we provide. We also discussed at length the opportunities that will be forthcoming due to our involvement in the New Care Models initiative.

"The visit was positive as it enabled Shaun to meet key members of staff and discuss the progress made over the past 18 months.

"He also discussed the improvement journey that The Cove has undergone. having been rated 'requires improvement' in all domains in 2018, it has now achieved 'good' across the board with some 'outstanding' areas of practice noted in 2019 visit."

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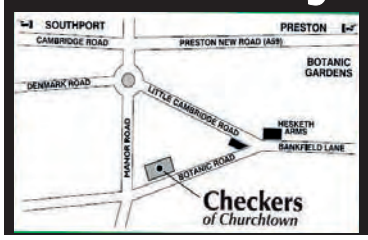

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Public urged to hand in knives during surrender op

RESIDENTS in West Lancashire are once again being urged to hand in knives as part of a national week of action to tackle knife crime.

Following continuing incidents across the country, including a number of recent fatal stabbings, knife crime continues to be in the national spotlight.

As part of Operation Sceptre, running from Monday, September 16 to Sunday, September 22, Lancashire Police is planning a week of increased activity with knife surrender, knife crime test purchasing and also crime prevention inputs to local schools.

Knife bins will be located outside various police stations across the county, including Ormskirk. There are also two permanent bins located outside community centres in the Tanhouse and Digmoor areas of Skelmersdale.

When police carried out Operation Sceptre in March this year a total of 182 knives were handed in across the county.

Chief Inspector Steve Anderton said: "We are continuing to raise awareness of the dangers of carrying a knife among children and young people, regularly visiting schools to talk to students about the dangers of carrying a knife.

"We have a zero-tolerance policy towards knife possession and anyone who is found to be in possession of a knife could face up to five years in prison

"Selling a knife to or buying a knife for anyone under the age of 18 is a criminal offence. You will be arrested and dealt with appropriately.

"Nationally, young people who end up in hospital with a knife injury have usually been stabbed with their own knife - carrying a knife puts you at risk. You don't have to use the knife to get a criminal record, just being in possession of a blade in public is illegal.

"The knife surrender is completely anonymous. There will be no questions asked and there is no obligation to give your details when you surrender a weapon.

"Anyone can hand in a knife during the surrender, whether it is their own knife or they wish to hand it in on behalf of a friend or family member."

Anyone with information about knife crime in Lancashire is urged to contact police or independent charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

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Knives surrendered to Lancashire Police during Operation Sceptre in March.

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MEMBERS of the public are welcome to attend the next board meeting of the NHS West Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) on Tuesday, September 24.

This will be held at the Evermoor Hub, Birleywood, Skelmersdale, starting at 9.30am.

Questions relating to items on the agenda can also be raised by visiting the governing body page of the CCG's website (www.westlancashireccg.nhs.uk/) or by contacting the secretary to the board directly on 01695 588 144 by noon on Monday, September 23.

The agenda will be published on the website one week before the meeting. Printed copies of the papers are available on request by calling 01695 588 000.

And immediately following the governing body meeting, the annual 'Meet the CCG' event - including the group's annual general meeting - will also take place within the Evermoor Hub.

'Meet the CCG 'is an opportunity for West Lancashire residents to meet with the group's chief decision-makers, visit market stalls showcasing the work of the CCG and its partners and listen to presentations. It will also include a dedicated questions and answers session.

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Fire service campaign to tackle cooker clutter and prevent kitchen fires

Report by **Henry James**

Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service are advising people to 'Keep it Clean, Keep it Clear' to prevent cooking fires in the kitchen.

FIRE chiefs are campaigning to get residents cooking more safely after eight kitchen fires were recorded since April in West Lancs.

The Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service (LFRS) campaign aims to address 'cooker clutter' raising awareness of just how often fires in the home start with the accidental ignition of items that are stored on cooker hobs or in ovens.

Often, kitchen fires break out because items are left or stored too close to heat sources such as hobs and ovens, which are then accidentally turned or left on.

'Keep it Clean, Keep it Clear' aims to warn people about the hazards of cooker clutter and hopefully encourage them to clear the clutter all together.

Increased risk

Keeping cookers clean is also an important aspect of the campaign. LFRS says it's not uncommon for people to store grill pans and baking trays in ovens. And, again if they get accidently left in when the oven is switched on it can increase the risk of fire - particularly if they aren't properly clean as the build-up of grease and food residue can easily ignite.

Crew manager from Ormskirk Fire Station, Graeme Carter, said: "In West Lancashire there have been eight cooking fires since April caused by residents using their hobs as work tops.

"There have been incidents which have involved a cooker with pans, boxes and even irons stored on the back of the hob which had then been accidentally ignited by turning on the wrong dial on the cooker.

"Turning on the wrong cooker dial is so easily done, but many of these fires would be so easily prevented too if people took heed of the 'Keep it Clean, Keep it Clear' message.

"You can help reduce accidental cooking fires in the home, by keeping to the task at hand. It's so easy to get distracted or accidentally turn on the wrong cooker dial.

"Food residue and grease can easily ignite so try to keep on top of your cooker cleaning and if you know someone who perhaps needs a nudge or reminder to do the same then spread the word - it could save them from having a fire."

For further advice and guidance on fire safety in the home, including on cooking safety, visit www.lancsfirerescue.org.uk/cooking.

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Council to halt work on Local Plan Review

Authority says decision will give it "more time to consider best proposals for borough"

Report by **Henry James**

BOROUGH council chiefs have decided to cease work on the current Local Plan Review with immediate effect - "to give the authority more time to consider the best proposals for the future of West Lancashire."

As a result, the Local Plan Review Preferred Options for a Local Plan to 2050, consulted upon in autumn last year, have effectively been withdrawn.

Instead, at a meeting of the council's cabinet on Tuesday, September 10, it was decided to create a new Local Plan Cabinet Working Group to help prepare a new 15-year Local Plan for the borough.

The council says it needs to ensure it has an up-to-date Local Plan to "meet essential community needs such as having enough land allocated for housing and employment."

Without a suitable plan the council says it would be less likely to be able to refuse planning applications for such development in inappropriate locations.

In its preparation of a new 15-year Local Plan the authority says it will refresh the evidence base needed to establish the borough-wide requirement for housing and employment land and the most appropriate locations for the allocation of land to meet those needs.

Councillor David Evans: "We have listened to the feedback through the public consultation."

Councillor David Evans, the council's portfolio holder for planning, said: "We have listened to feedback through the public consultation we held on the Local Plan Review proposals.

"The proposals have now been withdrawn to give us more time to consider the best way forward as we look to draw up a plan to give West Lancashire the best possible future."

The cabinet decision is subject to call-in from members of the executive overview and scrutiny committee in case its members want to consider it.

The call-in period lasts until 5pm yesterday (Tuesday, September 17). If the item is called in, then no action will be taken on it until after it has been considered by the executive overview and scrutiny committee on Thursday, September 26.

Welcomed

The decision to scrap the current Local Plan Review was welcomed by opposition councillors.

Leader of the Conservative group, Councillor David Westley, described it as "a real victory for common sense and local democracy" while also bemoaning "the money wasted that could have been spent on improving essential frontline services."

And OWL's Councillor Adrian Owens said it had "lifted a massive cloud from over the heads of tens of thousands of local residents."

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County Council claims majority of potholes are fixed within target times

BOSSES at Lancashire County Council say that new figures show that the authority's performance on potholes is continuing to improve with the vast majority of defects being fixed within target time scales.

A report to the council's cabinet committee on performance improvement reveals that since closer, 'risk-based' monitoring of highway issues was brought in last autumn, overall repair rates have kept getting better.

Condition surveys have shown a general improvement in Lancashire's roads over recent years, coupled with a reduction in the number of potholes by 38% over the last two years. The biggest improvements have been on busy A, B, and C roads which have seen most investment but the council says there will be a greater focus on residential and rural roads in future under its long-term transport strategy.

The council has also been running a campaign over the summer encouraging people to report potholes online to help speed up the repair process.

Now it is asking people to say whether they've noticed the difference by completing an independent online survey.

The National Highways and Transport Survey is used by all UK councils to get a better understanding of how they are performing in the eyes of the public and where they should focus future improvements.

County Councillor Keith Iddon: "We're getting better at meeting targets."

County Councillor Keith Iddon, Lancashire's cabinet member for highways and transport, said: "Wear and tear and bad weather means we'll always get potholes, and like all councils we have to set limits on what we repair.

Busy

"At the same time, we're investing as much as we can in improving Lancashire's roads and are planning to spend over £24m on maintenance this year.

"We're now coming towards the end of another summer where our highways teams have been very busy replacing worn out surfaces and making preventative treatments to help our roads better withstand the demands of traffic and winter weather.

"We've been investing more in preventative maintenance for a number of years, and inspections, surveys, and performance data suggest that this is making a difference with an improvement in the overall condition of our roads. We're also getting better at meeting our own targets to carry out timely repairs when they're needed.

"But we're also keen to know what people think of our highways service. Besides investing in the roads, we've been working hard to improve people's experience when they report a pothole or other problem.

"We're interested to know whether people think it's made a difference and what we need to focus on improving in future.

"We are also grateful for people using our online Report It system to tell us about potholes or any other highway issue, as this helps us to assess the problem quickly and take appropriate action."

The National Highways and Transport satisfaction survey can be completed at www.nhtnetwork.co.uk/isolated/data/scorecard/new/bespoke/122.

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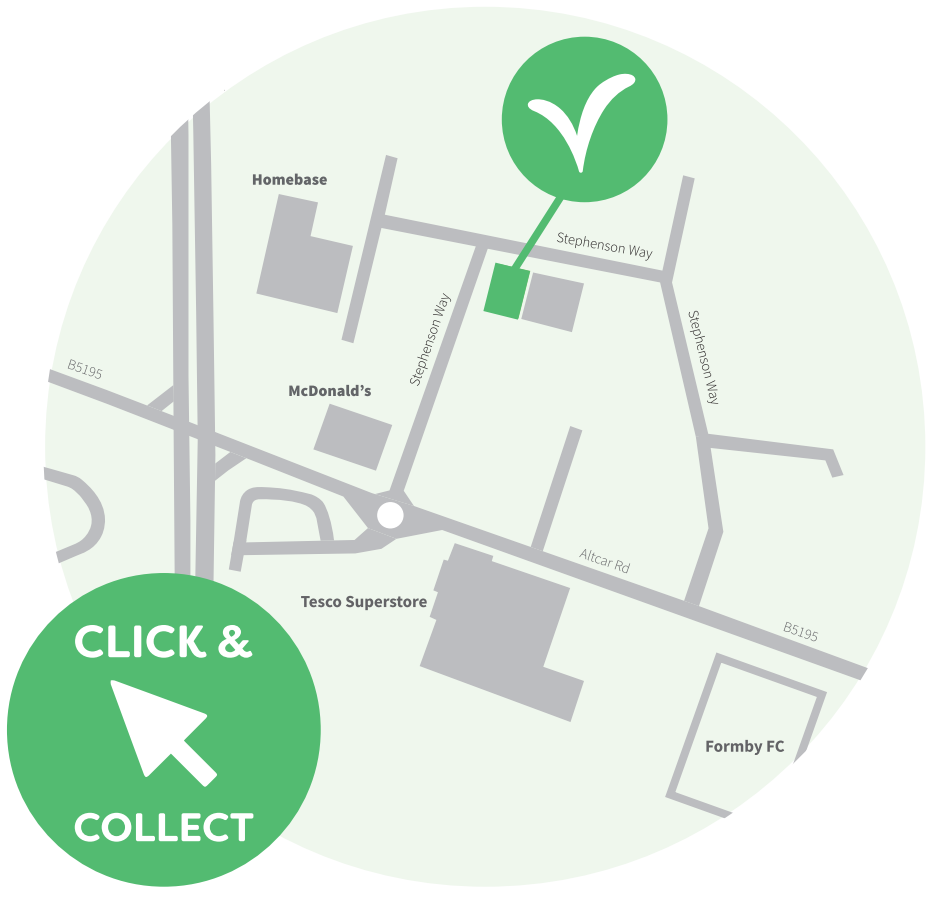

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Community partners plan a warm and safe welcome for new students

WEST Lancashire Community Safety Partnership (WLCSP) is once again working to ensure new students at Edge Hill University have a "safe and enjoyable time" while studying and socialising in the borough.

The partnership, which includes West Lancashire Borough Council, Lancashire Police, Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service and the university itself, has a record of delivering a large programme of activities with the aim of integrating students safely into the community.

The annual partnership Welcome Week programme, which began in earnest when students started to arrive from Sunday (September 15) is viewed as an ideal opportunity to provide key safety and welfare messages to the students. Its work has previously also been well received by residents.

Many aspects of the programme extend beyond the initial Welcome Week when returning students are given the important messages.

Edge Hill University will distribute the A-Z Guide to 'Living in Halls' to all new on-campus students, containing information on safety, security and behaviour. Staff at the university and Students' Union will also work with students to help them settle into and become active members of the local community.

The university will also be delivering a social media campaign to students called #dontbethereason aimed at reducing anti-social behaviour on campus and in Ormskirk.

During Welcome Week, partnership members will be in and around the campus in St Helens Road offering help and advice to new students and providing assurance for the wider community.

Late hours patrols

The police have a reassurance plan for a two-week period starting in Welcome Week providing high-visibility patrols by officers during late hours. These will focus on areas around the campus, main routes leading into the town centre, the town centre itself and reassurance to areas with high numbers of student HMOs (houses in multiple occupation). This will also include licence checks on local bars.

Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service will give fire safety advice to students and carry out fire safety checks on student accommodation across the borough.

And the Ormskirk Street Pastors, another partnership member, will have volunteers on town-centre patrols on September 20, 21, 27 and 28.

The council's Environmental Enforcement Team will also be undertaking daily patrols of Ormskirk for the three-week period visiting all known student properties to provide advice in relation to waste, recycling and noise.

West Lancashire Community Safety Partnership chairperson, Heidi McDougall, said: "All relevant organisations are working together to ensure plans are in place to keep students safe and help local people and Edge Hill University to integrate students into the area during the first few weeks of term. We want students to have an enjoyable time while studying in West Lancashire and encourage them to be neighbourly and become active members of the community."

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Brazil trip was an 'amazing' exercise for sporty India

A SECOND-year Sport and Exercise Science student at Edge Hill University has completed a two-week study on exercise performance in Brazil.

During the research trip, financed by the university's Student Opportunity Fund, 20-year-old India Middlebrook was based at the University of São Paulo.

She said: "I'll be writing my dissertation next year so this was an incredible opportunity for me, not only being able to see how they collected the data, as I'll be using similar methods and equipment in my research, but being able to do it at such an esteemed university on the other side of the world. It's something I would never have had the chance to do otherwise."

India was directly involved in the data collection for the study by taking blood from individuals who participated in the project.

The study investigated the influence ingesting sodium bicarbonate in different forms had on the pharmacokinetic profile of blood bicarbonate and pH responses over a six-hour period. Blood bicarbonate is a physiological buffer - it can alter acidity levels, which, when increased via supplementation, can improve exercise performance.

Her professor, Dr Lars McNaughton, Edge Hill's Associate Head of Sport and Physical Activity, said: "The Student Opportunity Fund is an invaluable gateway for students to explore, study and hone their expertise outside of usual learning environments.

"India is an excellent student who has definitely made the most of the trip, working with peers in another continent. I look forward to welcoming her back to Edge Hill to begin the next part of her degree in preparation for her career with the experience she has gained."

As well as participating in the research, India has also had chance to see a muscle biopsy, muscle ultrasound and has worked closely with other students during her time there.

India added: "I've always enjoyed sport so to be able to study the subject and the science that underpins performance is of great interest to me.

"Everyone in the department was so welcoming to me during my stay in Brazil and I've had the most amazing time."

Chance to swing back to the Sixties at library talk

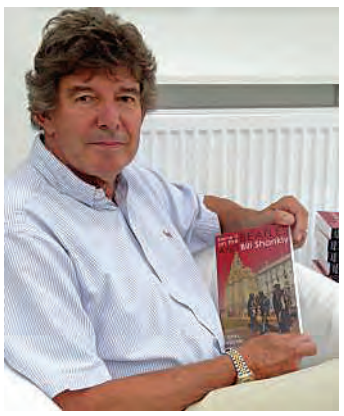
THERE will be a chance to relive the 'Swinging 60s' at two illustrated lectures to be held in West Lancashire by author John Winter based on his book Blame It On The Beatles ... And Bill Shankly.

The first will be at Ormskirk Library on Thursday, September 26 starting at 7pm. In this John will concentrate on what it was like living in Liverpool in the early 1960s as The Beatles and Liverpool FC emerged from obscurity to achieve an almost unprecedented level of success.

Changed

The second talk, arranged by Aughton and Ormskirk U3A, will be taking place at The Ministry Centre alongside Christ Church in Aughton on Thursday, November 7 starting at 10.30am when John will look at how the 'Fab Four' and Bill Shankly's 'mighty Reds' changed the city, and eventually the whole world.

Tickets for the talk at Ormkirk Library are free and can be obtained from the library in Burscough Street. For further information tel. 0300 12366703.



Author John Winter with a copy of his book about life in Liverpool in the 1960s.

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Edge Hill newcomers advised to register with local surgeries

Report by **Henry James**

NEW students at Edge Hill University are being urged to register with local doctors and dentists.

For many young people this will be the first time living away from home and officials at NHS West Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) say it is really important that they follow NHS advice.

A spokesman for the CCG said: "If, like most students, you spend more time at your college address than your family's address, it's really important that you register with a GP practice. For those students embarking on a degree at Edge Hill there are 15 GP practices in West Lancashire and you can find your nearest one by visiting www.nhs.uk and searching 'how to register with a GP practice'."

Nearest GP for students living on campus is Beacon Primary Care who have a practice on site at Milton House, 41 Ruff Lane.

Once a student is registered with a GP this covers them for their entire time at university and they don't need to register again while studying in West Lancashire.

By registering with a GP practice, students can receive emergency care if they need it and access health services quickly. Registering is especially important if people have an ongoing health condition, such as asthma, diabetes or epilepsy.

Students can also visit local NHS walk-in or urgent treatment centres. In West Lancashire there are two - the Skelmersdale walk-in-centre and the West Lancashire Urgent Treatment Centre, which is based at Ormskirk Hospital, Wigan Road. These are open from 8am to 8pm, seven days a week, including all holidays and staff can treat minor injuries and minor ailments. Patients can also book on-the-day appointments at the Ormskirk centre by calling Freephone NHS 111.

It is also important that students register with a dentist. They can find a dentist online at www.nhs.uk/Service-Search. Not all treatment is free, even under the NHS. However, students may be able to apply for help with dental costs online at www.nhs.uk/using-the-nhs/help-with-health-costs/get-help-with-dental-costs/.

For emergency treatment when the dentist is closed, call 0300 1234 010.

A series of vaccinations are also available to students. The Men ACWY vaccine, which protects against four different causes of meningitis and septicaemia, is available to all 17 and-18-year-olds in school and first-time university students up to the age of 25.

All university and colleges advise students to be immunised against mumps before beginning their studies. Most will have had this as part of their routine childhood MMR vaccine immunisation for mumps, measles and rubella. However, if your are unsure speak to your GP.

Dr Ros Bonsor, GP lead at NHS West Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group, said: "Starting university is an incredibly exciting time but it is vitally important that students take the time to register with a GP and dentist and ensure that they protect themselves from common illnesses.

"Once you have registered with a GP and dentist, it is important to make sure that you protect yourself from common and sometimes serious illnesses by visiting your GP and receiving your Men ACWY and flu vaccine, and checking that you have already had your MMR vaccine."

Further information is available on the NHS website by searching 'getting medical care as a student' at www.nhs.uk.

Dr Ros Bonsor.

Go to a street market to find 'real' potatoes

POTATOES have been on my mind since that letter in the Champion several weeks ago making the point that 'fings ain't wot they used to be' when it comes to buying new potatoes in a supermarket that taste like, well, new potatoes.

I have, though, good news for all 'real' potato lovers - I have found a source of the genuine article! Make a visit to Ormskirk's lovely street market any Thursday or Saturday and you will find a purveyor of local new potatoes, complete with a certain amount of local soil still adhering to them.

By the way, an easy way to scrape them is by using one of those metal scrubbing pads.

Actually, talking of Ormskirk and its potato harvest, one vivid childhood memory is of my granny's old-fashioned coal-fired cooking ranges (complete with double oven.) Granny used to boil her spuds in a huge black pan - and the results were spectacular.

I remember that the potatoes, either new or old, tasted like - potato. They weren't just something to pad out the meal, they were a thoroughly enjoyable part of it.

And talking of spuds, my dad decided at one time to grow his own, after hearing of a variety named 'Sharp's Express'. I cannot really remember how good they tasted, but they must have been satisfactory.

Bargains

Returning to Ormskirk market - and I imagine other street markets of similar type - it is amazing just what bargains you can find. And I don't mean cheap tat either.

A couple of years ago I found just the boating cap I was looking for at a price not that much higher than you can pay for a cheapo 'Captain's' hat on the Broads. It has become one of my prize possessions - I'm never to be seen on my 'bridge' without it.

Anyway, bargains are there to be found. For instance, if you are keen on those 'puzzle' magazines, you can get them for just £1 on the market. Assuming that you don't intend to do the prize competition (chances are your entry will already be out of date) that is a huge saving.

Of course, there can be a down side. This spring I discovered a stall selling beef and jelly pies for just £1. I bought one, sat contentedly in the sun on the wall of the old travel office at the bus station waiting for my bus home and really enjoyed yet another taste of my childhood.

I thought I'd make this a new custom whenever I visited the market. But the price inevitably crept up - last time I looked it was £1.30 and beginning to look expensive for what was, after all, just a time-filler.

Certainly not a time-waster though!

I suppose I have a bit of a history with meat pies. I remember in the early 1960s in the school summer holidays I travelled to Morecambe, following my interest in buses, and had arrived back in Preston on my way home.

Feeling in need of sustenance I found a kiosk selling tea, butties and cakes - and there was a meat pie. A large, very large, meat pie. Having already bought my return bus ticket home, I splashed out most of my remaining reserves on this item - and was not disappointed.

It was not a pork pie in the sense you normally think of one today, all pink and tasteless. Neither did it even lay claim to being beef. It was just a 'meat' pie of the sort I'd become used to back in my childhood, all grey 'meat' and lashings of jelly.

I sat on a bench and gorged myself on it - I think the local pigeon population gained a little extra too. Happy days.

Of course there were childhood delights that most certainly would not figure on anyone's menu these days. Like sugar butties.

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Extension of Blue Badge scheme is a watershed moment and long overdue

I WRITE to express my disappointment at the views expressed by J. M. Berry (September 11) about the extension of the Blue Badge scheme to people who have less-visible disabilities, including mental health problems and autism.

The changes will make a huge difference to thousands of autistic people and their families helping them to go out in the way many others take for granted.

Just leaving the house is incredibly difficult for many autistic people. Some have no concept of the dangers of the road while others are so anxious that they don't go out at all.

Having a Blue Badge will be life-changing and help many to reduce loneliness and isolation.

In my opinion, extending the Blue Badge scheme is a watershed moment and represents the biggest change to the scheme since the 1970s.

As a society we don't do enough for people with hidden disabilities. The change is long overdue.

To address some of the concerns expressed by J M Berry, the expanded scheme coincides with the launch of a new task force to toughen up enforcement and help councils tackle fraudulent use of the badges.

As a society, we need to show greater tolerance and understanding of the issues faced by others and, in any fair and equal society it is right that income and revenue are distributed to achieve that aim.

Peter Rimmer, Ormskirk.

Society needs to work together to tackle the real causes of knife crime

A RECENT Barnardo's YouGov poll of more than 1,000 adults across cities in England and Wales reveals that 66 per cent of adults surveyed are worried children aged 10-18 may become knife crime victims.

Similarly, 61 per cent of respondents surveyed worry children feel unsafe in their local area because of knife crime.

Nearly 6 in 10 (58 per cent) said they believe children carry knives for protection because they feel vulnerable. This matches Barnardo's experience of working with children.

Almost two thirds of adults (65 per cent) responding to the YouGov survey agreed that more safe places and activities for children such as youth clubs, sports clubs, community centres would make their area safer for children from knife crime.

While 60 per cent surveyed think more investment in neighbourhoods to combat poverty, inequality and unemployment will help.

This polling shows that most adults realise that knife crime is a complex issue. The answer does not lie in tougher sentences but in making sure our children and young people are safe.

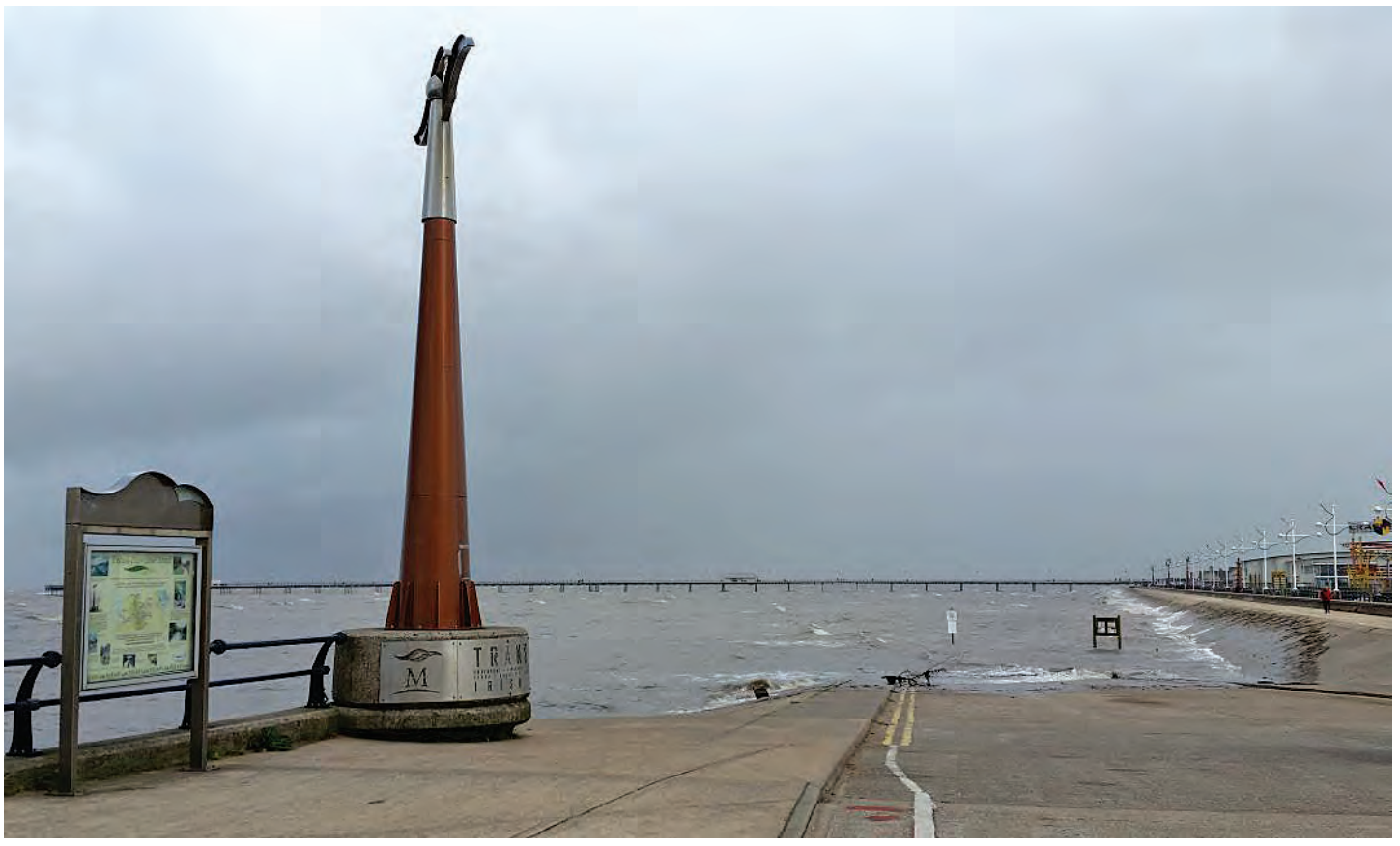
We want the Government to ensure children can thrive in their own communities; provide safe environments and activities for children, alongside more investment in neighbourhoods and services to combat poverty.

We need to urgently work together as a society to get a grip on this national crisis. Government needs to work with children's services, educationalists, charities, social workers, youth workers, the criminal justice system and local communities to tackle the real causes of knife crime.

For more information, please visit www.barnardos.org.uk

Steve Oversby,
Director for Barnardo's North West.

PICTURE of the week



Our Picture of the Week submission this week is from Champion reader, John Gee which he has entitled 'Tide's In At Southport.' If you have a photo which you would like to put forward for Picture of the Week slot, simply email it to editorial@champnews.com and please include your name, the area where you live and a brief description of your photo.

The awful greys are poisoning our lovely reds

HOW I agree with Peter Muldoon (Letters, September 11) regarding the awful grey squirrels that are poisoning our lovely red squirrels.

Without the hard work done by conservation groups and many others supporting the 'native' red squirrels, they wouldn't have survived.

These totally misguided people cannot see what these dreadful American greys are doing to our dwindling red squirrel.

I wonder if these misguided so-called animal lovers will be supporting the American mink next that has decimated our water voles.

So-called 'animal lovers' set these mink free from mink farms to wreak havoc on all our wildlife.

Frank Baybutt, Burscough.

Concourse arcade not a wise move

REGARDING the opening of an amusement arcade in the Concourse.

Whilst I appreciate it will bring some jobs to the centre, I do not think it is a wise move to open this establishment in our town as many people are already struggling to make ends meet, which can be proved by the increase in the need for food banks.

Susan Oates, Skelmersdale.

Let's all say 'no' to fracking in West Lancs

I HAVE become more and more concerned over the proposed fracking for shale gas at Great Altcar and would urge like-minded people to write to our county council to object to Aurora being given permission to frack, by Ocober 15.

Here is my own letter sent to them:

'I would like to object to Aurora's request to frack in Great Altcar for shale gas.

'We are learning more and more about climate change and how we need to protect our planet. Therefore we should be concentrating on achieving our energy needs from renewables, not taking the backward step of drilling for shale gas.

'I object on the grounds that drilling for gas is endangering our planet, not to mention the risk of earth tremors like those experienced by people living in close proximity to the Cuadrilla fracking site near Preston.

'I am also most concerned about the heavy use of good clear water which will lead to contamination from the impact of fracking. This contaminated water can lead to all sorts of carcinogenic and toxic dangers to nearby inhabitants' health, as already seen in America.

'Therefore I beg you as a council to stand up for Lancashire constituents and refuse to let Aurora frack in West Lancashire.'

Judy Ingman, Aughton.

Drop us a line...

IF you've got a view on a topic of local or national interest which you would like to share with the readers of the Champion, why not drop us a line?

Letters can be posted or emailed to the respective addresses listed at the top of this page. They should be concise, preferably no more than 350 words, and include the sender's name, address and contact details, although not necessarily for publication.

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Wear pink to help raise much-need vital funds for Breast Cancer Now

I AM often asked for ideas on ways in which people can offer support to those affected by breast cancer, especially during October, which marks Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

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Wear it pink is the UK's biggest and boldest pink fundraiser, taking place on Friday, October 18 and raises funds for Breast Cancer Now.

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Everyone and anyone can take part in wear it pink. Some people will choose to hold a cake sale, while others will opt to organise a raffle, and some will arrange a pink fancy dress day at school, work, or in their community.

However you choose to fundraise, you will be helping Breast Cancer Now make a huge impact on the lives of those affected by breast cancer.

We would love to see everyone ditching their everyday colours and digging out their fabulous pink outfits, to help make a difference this Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Register to claim your free fundraising pack at wearitpink.org and join us in helping to fund life-saving breast cancer research and life-changing support for those affected by breast cancer.

**Summer Kendrick,
Breast Cancer Now.**

County council cabinet agrees changes to mobile library service

CHANGES to the way Lancashire County Council's mobile library service will be designed in future have been agreed following a public consultation.

Members of the council's cabinet have voted to accept a new 10-point criteria to plan how the service will be run in the future.

Amongst the changes will be a standardised three-week visit frequency, minimum stop times of 15 minutes and discontinuing any stop that hasn't been used for six months.

Current locations would continue to be visited under the criteria and parish councils who do not benefit from a visit will be asked if they want a stop organised.

Mobile library routes would be maintained throughout the rest of each year whenever possible. Currently mobile libraries do not operate when each driver is on leave, which can be up to four weeks per year, as well as not operating between December 24 and January 1 (inclusive) each year. Under the new arrangement, the drivers' leave will be covered as much as possible so that the routes will continue to operate.

Feedback was received during an eight-week consultation on the future of the service from March 4 to April 28.

County Councillor Peter Buckley: "We've responded to feedback as much as we possibly can."

A further consultation will take place on any planned future routes before they are implemented in 2020.

County Councillor Peter Buckley, Lancashire's cabinet member for community and cultural services, said: "The mobile libraries reach some of the most remote parts of the county, and are particularly important for people who would find it difficult to travel to their nearest library. For some people with mobility problems this can literally be a door-to-door service.

"We received some very useful feedback during this consultation and we've responded to this as much as we possibly can. I would like to thank everyone who completed the questionnaire and shared their views with us."

The vehicles carry a wide range of books to suit all tastes. Books can also be ordered, just the same as in a static library. A variety of audio books and CD's are also available.

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The mobile library service currently has six vehicles, one of which is based at Ormskirk.

They travel around the part of Lancashire where they are based, making a total of 780 stops across the county.

Cabinet has already agreed in February 2017 to replace the entire fleet of vehicles and the first three replacements will be delivered late this year. It is planned to bring the other vehicles into service in 2020.

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Businessman named as prospective Brexit Party candidate for borough at general election

BUSINESSMAN Allan Bowness has been announced as the Brexit Party's prospective parliamentary candidate for West Lancashire in the next general election.

An Ormskirk resident for more than 20 years, the 49-year-old married-father-of-three, said: "I can no longer stand by and allow the career politicians in Westminster to continue to betray the largest democratic vote in our country's history.

"I, along with almost 55% of voters in West Lancashire voted to leave the European Union in the 2016 Referendum.

"It is clear to me and the 34% of the local electorate who voted for the Brexit Party in this year's European elections that the old, out-dated two-party system is broken and not delivering for the people of West Lancashire who voted leave.

"I am not a politician; I am not interested in climbing the greasy pole in Westminster. I simply want to put an end to three years of calamity by bringing trust back to British politics.

"We voted leave and leave we must because without delivering for the 17.4m who voted that way in the referendum what is the point of MPs? Why should we care or even bother to vote again?

Allan Bowness.

"We desperately need to move onto the other huge issues our country faces."

Welcoming his selection North West Brexit Party MEP Henrik Overgaard-Nielsen said: "Allan is a typical example of a Brexit Party supporter who has become so angry at the betrayal of democracy in this country that he has felt compelled to act.

"He is a hard-working local man who cares about his community and would represent it well in Westminster."

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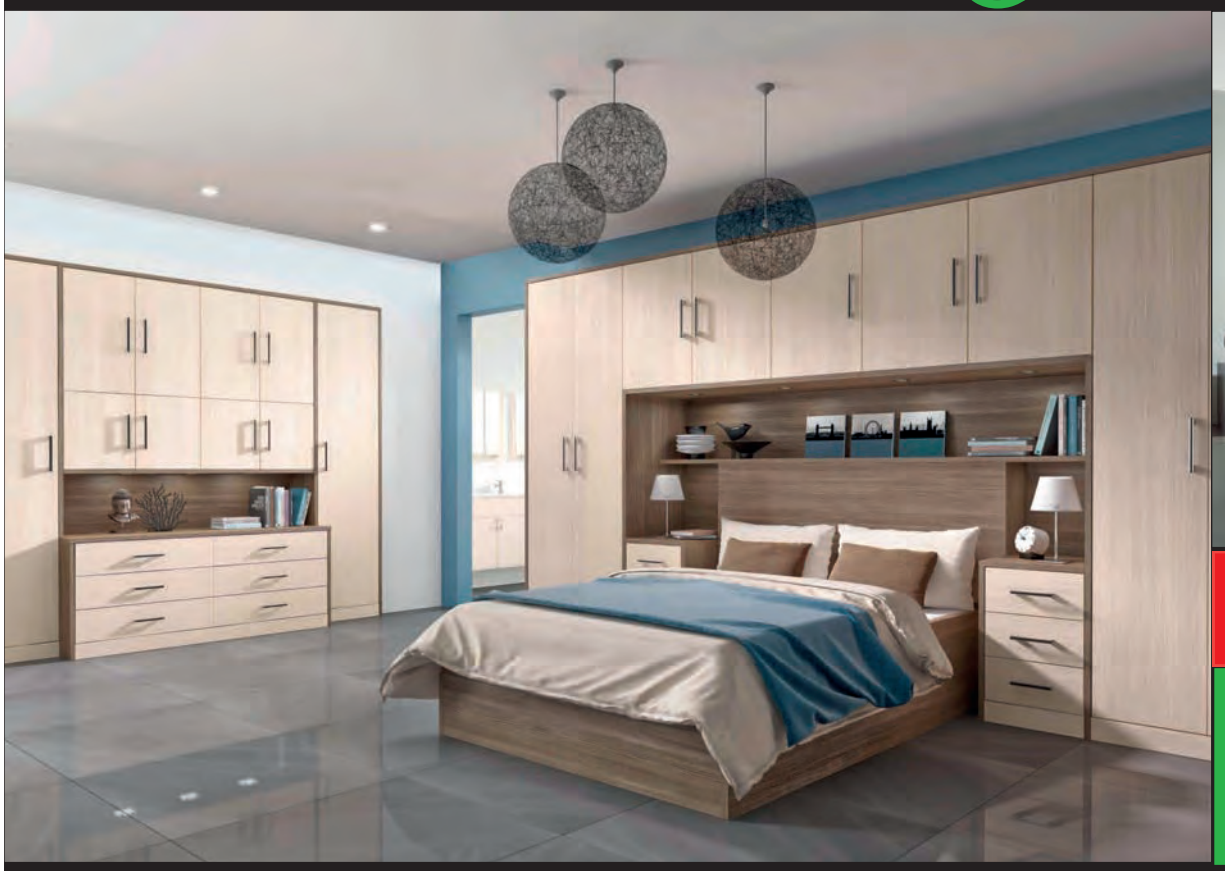

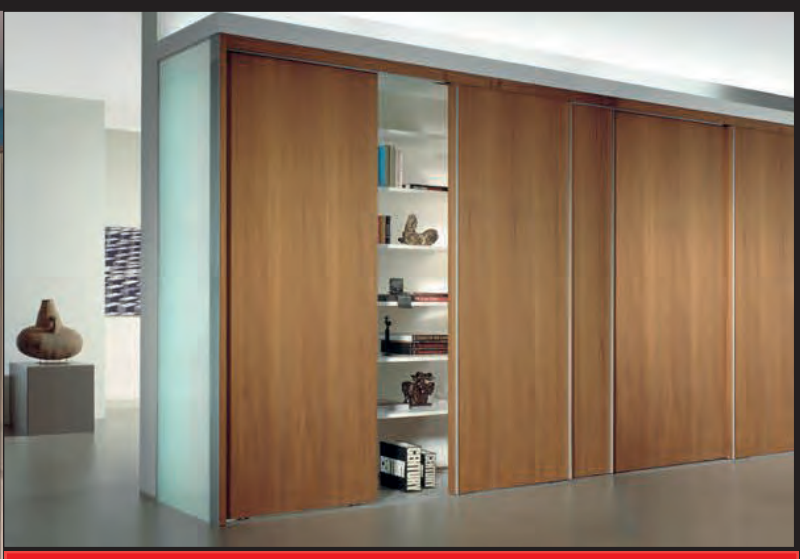

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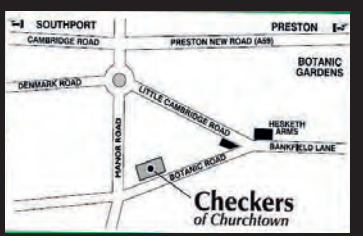

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MEP predicts 12% 'hit' to region's economy in event of no-deal Brexit

Report by **Kenny Parker**

Femi Oluwole addresses the meeting at Aughton Village Hall flanked by fellow speakers County Councillor John Fillis (left) and Professor Francesco Rizzuto (right) and chair, Paula Keaveney.

NORTH West Euro MP Theresa Griffin has predicted a 12% 'hit' to the region's economy in the event of a no-deal Brexit and said low-paid and part-time workers would suffer most..

The Labour MEP was speaking a meeting at Aughton Village organised by the West Lancs branch of People's Vote, which is campaigning for the public to have a final say on any Brexit deal - or no deal

Other speakers at the event on Saturday, September 14 included Femi Oluwole, chief spokesperson for the Our Future Our Choice group; Francesco Rizzuto, professor of European Law at Edge Hill University and Skelmersdale East County Councillor. John Fillis

Ms Griffin said that based on Government figures there would be a 12% reduction in the North West economy in the event of a no-deal Brexit, with big implications for West Lancashire.

She claimed low paid, part-time workers would be worst hit with increased unemployment and job insecurity and added that the threat of no deal had prompted businesses to contact her because of the likely damage.

Meanwhile County Councillor Fillis listed 10 companies, skills and community projects in West Lancs that have benefited from EU funding and said that growers were worried about replacing EU workers. He also claimed the future was 'uncertain' for doctors and nurses from the EU working at Ormskirk, Southport, Wrightington and Wigan hospitals.

Meanwhile Professor Rizzuto told of how EU funding had helped Edge Hill University achieve its high status and Mr Oluwole claimed young people's life chances in terms of working, studying and cultural opportunities, would be diminished, as would their competitiveness in a global jobs market.

Speaking after the meeting, Ken Lamden, chair of People's Vote West Lancashire, said: "I've rarely seen an audience so engaged. Based on the speakers' predictions it's clear that people who claim Project Fear are avoiding the meaningful debate that we deserve. We will continue to campaign for a People's Vote and attempt to engage our MP Rosie Cooper who sent her apologies for the meeting."

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Equestrian therapy group seeks public help to win share of £1m funding pot

Report by **Kenny Parker**

A COMMUNITY interest company which uses horses to provide therapy for young people suffering the effects of post traumatic stress disorder and mental trauma is seeking public support in an online poll to win a share of a £1m funding pot.

Stable Lives, based at Parbold Equestrian Centre uses horses and ponies that have been rehabilitated from mental and physical abuse, for courses and respite days aimed at building the confidence, resilience and self-esteem of young people dealing with the effects of mental trauma either, from their own experiences or those of a parent.

The centre in Bradshaw Lane is on the shortlist to win a share of Persimmon Homes' Building Futures £1million pot supporting under-18s nationwide.

Carrie Byrom and friends at a previous Parbold Village Show where she was able to highlight plans for Stable Lives.

Competing

One of three organisations chosen from the local area and competing against 31 organisations nationwide, Stable Lives is in the running to win a cash award of £100,000, £50,000 or £20,000 in the health category.

A similar number of organisation are competing in each of the sport and education categories, and there will be cash prizes of £5,000 for the 87 runners-up.

Founder of Stable Lives, Carrie Byrom, said: "It's an achievement to have been selected as a regional finalist but now we really need people to get behind us and get voting so that we are in the strongest possible position to earn one of the top three cash awards on the night.

"If we are fortunate enough to win one of the cash awards then we will use the money to support children in crisis through our courses to develop confidence, self-esteem and self-worth.

"We will be able to offer our services to those exposed to mental trauma, those dealing with bereavement and young carers aiming to build resilience and hope for the future for those within our community that need us most."

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Borough MP reaffirms her commitment to anti-fracking campaign

ROSIE Cooper joined representatives from local and regional groups at a public meeting in Haskayne Village Hall about Aurora Energy Resources' plans to frack for gas at Altcar Moss.

The event was hosted by the Moss Alliance, which includes Halsall Against Fracking and Frack Free Formby, and the West Lancs MP was invited to speak in support of the anti-fracking campaigners and encourage residents to make their voices heard.

Also in attendance were Friends of the Earth director Alasdair Roxburgh, who hails from West Lancashire; Barbara Richardson, chair of the Roseacre Awareness Group which successfully campaigned against fracking plans at Roseacre in Fylde; Downholland Parish Council chair Mike Wainwright and West Lancs borough councillors.

Ms Cooper praised the efforts of borough councillor Maureen Mills, chair of Halsall Against Fracking, and all those campaigning against the Aurora application.

She told the gathering: "Who is going to look after your interests if it's not you? It is really important that you are here. Keep doing what you are doing.

West Lancs MP Rosie Cooper pictured with Councillor Maureen Mills at the anti-fracking meeting at Haskayne Village Hall.

"The parish council has objected. I will object. We need to keep those objections going in.

"I've been up to the site in Altcar when I brought Barry Gardiner, a Shadow Minister for Energy and Climate Change, to join us and publicly declare the Labour position on fracking - that we will ban it as soon as we get into government and will continue to campaign against it whilst in opposition."

'Disgrace'

Speaking after the meeting the MP added: "The recent seismic activity at the Preston new Road site is a perfect example of why I oppose Aurora's application to frack at a site in Altcar in West Lancashire and I will continue to campaign and fight against fracking.

"It is a disgrace that the size of this seismic activity is being downplayed, despite the fact that we have seen the biggest tremor yet at Preston New Road and shows that levels are rapidly rising.

"The regulations are clear that work should stop when tremors reach 0.5.

"Just pausing then restarting work to reach ever-higher levels of seismic activity is simply not acceptable and shouldn't be tolerated."

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Could you provide a loving home to a child or children in care?

LANCASHIRE County Council is staging another of its information events for anyone thinking about becoming a foster carer.

This will be held tonight (Wednesday, September 18) at County Hall, Fishergate Hill, Preston, from 6 to 7.30pm, as part of the authority's latest campaign to recruit new carers running until Sunday, October 6.

Members of the county council's fostering team, as well as social workers and current foster carers, will be available to answer questions, talk through the process and offer advice.

The council has increased the allowances payable to new foster carers, so now they can expect to receive between £241 and £300 per week for each child they care for. People who have considered fostering before, but weren't sure they could afford it, are advised to go along to an information evening to find out if it could now be a viable option.

County Councillor Phillippa Williamson, Lancashire's cabinet member for children, young people and schools, said: "I'd like to encourage people to think about a change they could make, not just to their own life, but to that of a Lancashire child.

Could you offer a loving home to a child as a foster carer? Photo posed by models.

'Valuable role'

"Becoming a foster carer is a big decision and we don't suggest anyone takes it lightly. But if anyone is wondering whether it might be for them, they can come along to an information event to have a chat with our friendly staff without feeling pressurised or obligated in any way.

"With around 20 Lancashire children needing homes each week, we need to recruit new foster carers.

"We have increased our allowances to foster carers in recognition of their valuable role in providing loving homes for the children in our care.

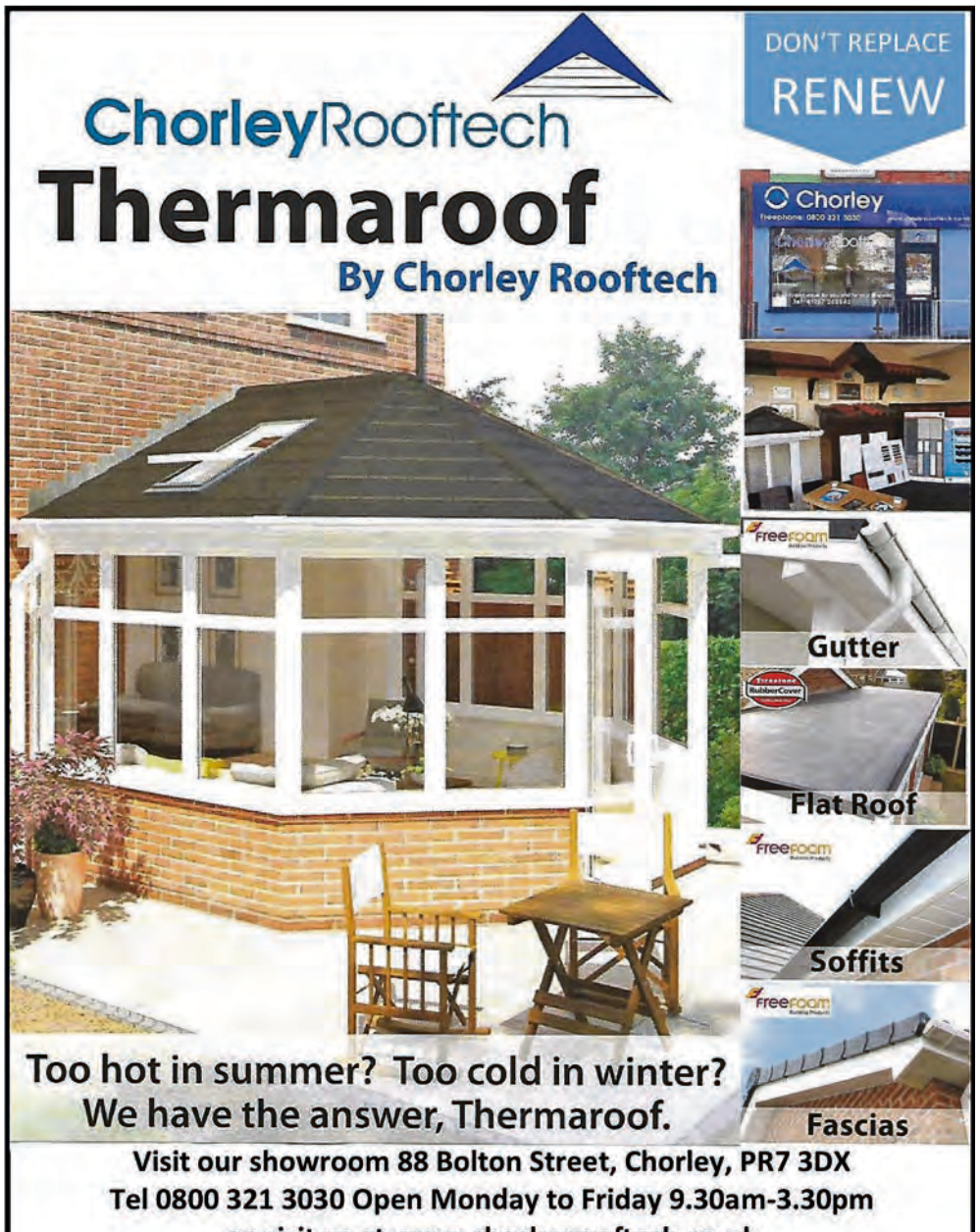
There is also a rising demand for placements with more children and young people coming into the care of the local authority each week.

"We are looking for people who can foster all ages of children, particularly siblings who need to stay together, and teenagers. No formal experience or qualifications are needed, all we ask is that you have a spare room available and a desire to make a positive difference to a local child's life."

A package of support is available 24/7 to help foster carers in their role, including local support groups, their own social worker, a dedicated helpline and flexible training.

Anyone interested but unable to attend the event can call the fostering recruitment team on 0300 123 6723 or visit www.lancashire.gov.uk/fostering.

There is no need to book for the fostering information evening, you can just turn up, but anyone planning to attend is asked to arrive early.



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Rosie will be in the pink in aid of breast cancer charity

MP urges residents to join her in supporting drive to raise funds for lifesaving research

WEST Lancs MP Rosie Cooper will once again be adding a dash of pink to her usual Westminster attire - along with her colleagues - to support Breast Cancer Now's annual wear it pink fundraiser which this year takes place on Friday, October 18.

Since launching in 2002, wear it pink has raised more than £33m to date and Ms Cooper is urging constituents to join her by signing up for wear it pink and helping to make possible lifesaving breast cancer research and life-changing support for those affected by the disease.

Joining Ms Cooper at a recent wear it pink event in Parliament were four Breast Cancer Now supporters who have been affected by the disease.

Rosie Cooper said: "Every year in the UK around 55,000 women and around 350 men are given the devastating news that they have breast cancer. That's why I'm encouraging my West Lancashire constituents to take part in Breast Cancer Now's wear it pink day on Friday, October 18.

"The money raised by this wonderful event has such a huge impact, allowing Breast Cancer Now to fund vital research and support for those living with a diagnosis. I hope everybody will wear it pink this October and support this important cause."

Baroness Delyth Morgan, chief executive at Breast Cancer Care and Breast Cancer Now, said: "Our goal as a charity is that by 2050 everyone who develops breast cancer will live and be supported to live well.

"Money raised from wear it pink is crucial to helping us to fund vital breast cancer research and support for those affected by the disease.

West Lancs MP Rosie Cooper with patient advocate, Geraldine.

"We hope that by wearing pink, Rosie Cooper MP will encourage more people to wear it pink on October 18 and help us to continue to fund vital breast cancer research and support."

Anyone can take part in wear it pink in their own way. Some people might choose to hold a cake sale while others could opt to organise a raffle or arrange a pink fancy dress day at their school or workplace. No matter how you choose to wear it pink, all money raised will help to fund vital breast cancer research and support.

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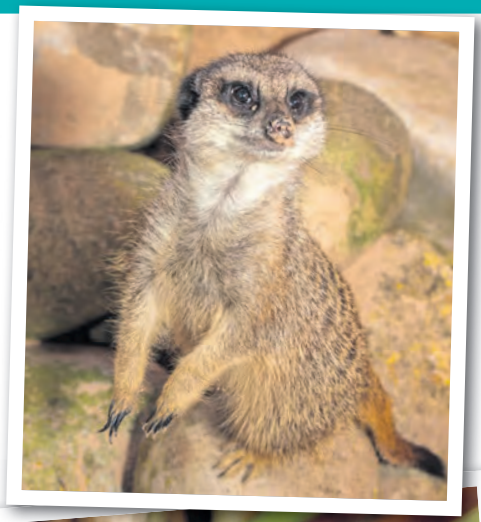

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Exotic Zoo will be showcasing loads of fantastic animals throughout the weekend, including an armadillo, delightful meerkats and a petting zoo! Critters 2 You will be bringing everything from snakes to lizards - will you have a go at holding a tarantula? Local rescue centre Corio Raptors will also be here with some amazing birds of prey, including a majestic barn owl and a beautiful buzzard.

During the weekend we've also got a whole range of additional activities for the family to enjoy. Our on-site cattle will be on show from the Gladstone Hide - go along to the talk and feed to see the beautiful herd of cows, including 14 calves, to find out more about how the cows help us to manage our reserve. We'll also be running bird watching for beginners sessions to inspire the younger generation - head to the Discovery Hide and pick up your bird watching for beginners guide and see what you can spot on the mere!

There'll also be all our usual daily talks, feeds and activities. Don't forget to grab a net and become a pond detective with pond dipping in the brand new Pond Zone. If you're after an additional adventure, head to our Canoe Barn. Our Canoe Safari and Boat Tours area is a kilometre-long trail of waterways; the self-guided canoe safari offers you a unique way to explore a part of our wetland centre that isn't accessible on foot. The habitat around the canoe safari is teeming with life, so keep your eyes open and see what you can spot as your paddle your way around the twists and turns of the waterways. If you prefer a more relaxed approach, sit back and relax on a guided boat tour instead.

Before you head home, make sure you check out our adventure playground with wet play! Come and have a wild day out in our extraordinary wetland landscape; buy your tickets online and save 10% on admission!

For more information and full details about our Animal Magic weekend, please visit wwt.org.uk/martin-mere

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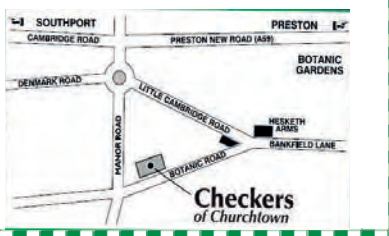

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Military memorabilia display to return at Heatons Bridge Inn

THE biannual Heatons Bridge Military Vehicle Group display is set to swing into action again on Saturday and Sunday, September 28 and 29 and interested members of the public are welcome to attend the free event.

Staged at the Heatons Bridge Inn in Scarisbrick, courtesty of proprietors Steve and Jacqui Winrow, the popular event will feature an array of military hardware.

The Heatons Bridge Military Vehicle Group is a local branch of a national organisation dedicated to preserving and renovating vehicles and equipment from different ages to displays at various shows and events across the region.

Visitors to Heatons Bridge Inn on the Saturday will also get to see some of the vehicles take part in a 'road run' starting at around 1pm.

There will also be displays of various (deactivated) firearms, bayonets and other weapons, uniforms, radio equipment and field equipment.

Steve and Jacqui have retained a Second World War, free-standing brick pillbox which formed part of the Home Guard defence provisions in the grounds of the pub which will also form part of the display.

Members of the Heatons Bridge Military Vehicle Group at a previous event.

Event organiser, Paul Connolly, said: "Our group is the Mid-Lancs Area (Area 53) of the national Military Vehicle Trust organisation and is based at Heatons Bridge Inn where we meet on the second Thursday evening of each month.

"We are a group of enthusiasts who own various military vehicles and equipment which we restore, maintain and show at events across the region and further afield throughout the year. Our 'crank-down' event is set for the weekend of September 28 and 29."

And as well as range of vehicles of various eras, fascinating militaria, equipment displays and a "warm and friendly atmosphere" there will be an extra treat for visitors.

Paul added "A couple of our members are learning to play the ukulele so you may also be fortunate (or not!) to hear them practising wartime songs sometime over the weekend!

"There is no charge, so why not come along and enjoy the display for free with enthusiasts who will be pleased to answer any questions you may have."

The event will began to wind down from Sunday afternoon. For more details contact Paul Connolly on 01704 545786 or Angela Brown on 07774931464.

Behind-the-scenes peep into world of Freemasons

A NEW film which, for the first time, offers a glimpse of what happens in the county's Lodge rooms, has been welcomed by West Lancashire Freemasons.

Discover Freemasonry, shows interviews with leading Freemasons, as well as delving into Freemasonry's unique history and symbolism, including the famous handshake.

Tony Harrison, leader of West Lancashire Freemasons, said: "Freemasons have been at the heart of West Lancashire for over 370 years, but many people have little or no idea what Freemasonry is. I hope this video will go some way to answering that question and provide insight into who we are and what we do.."

The full film can be seen, alongside a series of short videos, at www.ugle.org.uk/about-freemasonry/video-library.

Cheers! Pub staff toast inclusion in CAMRA Good Beer Guide...

STAFF at an Ormskirk town-centre pub are toasting its inclusion in the latest edition of the Campaign for Real Ale's Good Beer Guide.

The Court Leet in Wheatsheaf Walk (above) has been acclaimed for the quality of its real ales by members of the town's branch of the consumer organisation.

CAMRA members gave the Wetherspoons pub the thumbs-up following regular visits to check on the quality of the ales on offer. They also took into account customer service, décor and overall atmosphere.

A CAMRA spokesman commented: "The Court Leet deserves its place in the Good Beer Guide 2020. It is our belief that if a licensee serves an excellent pint of real ale, then everything else in the pub, including customer service, quality of food and atmosphere, are likely to be of an equally high standard."

Pub manager, Lisa Newton, said: "I am delighted that The Court Leet has been recognised for the quality of its real ales by CAMRA members. We offer our customers an excellent range of real ales at all times, including those from regional brewers and microbrewers, as well as hosting our own beer festivals.

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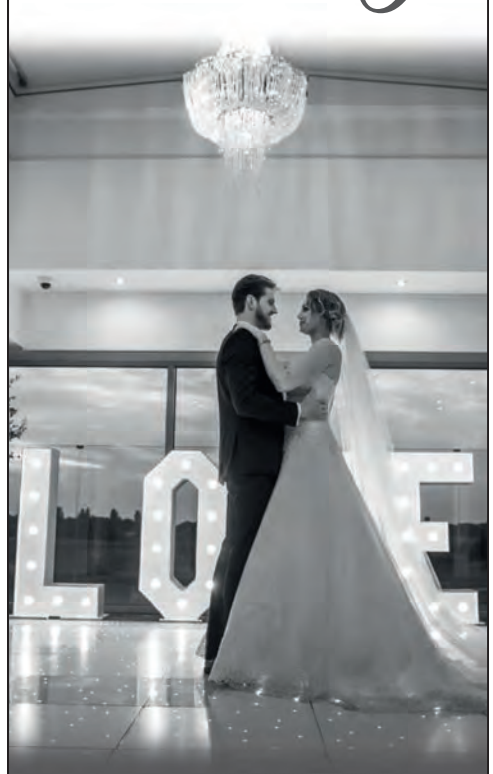

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North West Air Ambulance celebrates 20th anniversary and aims to raise awareness of its vital lifesaving role

THE North West Air Ambulance Charity (NWAA) is celebrating its 20th year of service across the region by aiming to raise awareness of its lifesaving role.

In the year September 1, 2018 to August 31, 2019, the charity has completed 2,403 missions across the North West, from Carlisle in the north to Stoke in the south of the region, including 869 missions in Lancashire and 292 in Merseyside.

Many patients receive critical pre-hospital medical care from a crew of advanced paramedics and consultants which can often make the difference between life and death.

NWAA helicopters can fly at speeds of 150mph, saving vital minutes for patients in urgent need of treatment, whether that's reaching a specialist centre within the region, being attended to at the scene for time-critical conditions such as cardiac arrests, or receiving lifesaving blood transfusions on board.

As a charity, the NWAA receives no Government funding and relies solely on public donations, corporate support and the generosity of its fundraisers and volunteers to maintain its 365-days-a-year service and to continue to provide lifesaving care to critically injured and ill patients.

Andy Duncan, lead helicopter emergency medical service paramedic, said: "As our charity grows we're always assessing how we can take our interventions further - bringing the hospital to the patient, and saving even more precious minutes whilst lives hang in the balance.

Members of the North West Air Ambulance Charity crew ready to embark of another potential lifesaving mission.

"It's why we are so grateful to our supporters, whose generosity allows us to advance the service for the benefit of patients.

"We often reflect as a team that just as some of our patients wouldn't be here without the charity, neither would we be here without our supporters."

Chief executive, Heather Arrowsmith, added: "This is our 20th year of service and I am so proud of how far we have come in such a short time.

"Our charity has expanded significantly in recent years, from introducing new clinical practices such as blood on board, to the development of our volunteering programme.

"Currently, we must raise £9.5 million a year to continue our service as we are not a recipient of government funding, instead relying on the support of our amazing fundraisers, donors, volunteers and the generosity of people from across the North West.

"I am constantly humbled by the support we receive from our community, and know they are truly appreciative of our service.

"I urge anyone to consider a donation to their local air ambulance charity. No matter the amount, you will be helping to save lives, and we, and the patients affected by our service, are truly grateful."

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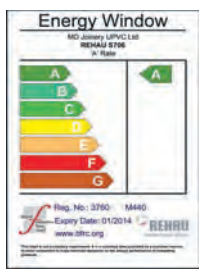

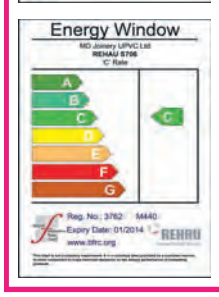

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Chance for county's young people to help set agenda at UK Youth Parliament

A BALLOT giving young people in Lancashire the chance to have their say on what issues are discussed at a special session of the UK Youth Parliament (UKYP) at the House of Commons is now underway.

The ballot, entitled 'Make Your Mark', will run until noon on Wednesday, October 9.

Votes can be cast online and through ballot papers issued in schools and youth centres, by young people aged between 11 and 18. The result will influence what topics are debated by the Youth Parliament at the session in the House of Commons on Friday, November 8.

This year, young people will have the opportunity to select one national issue, one devolved issue and the chance to identify an issue in their local communities. The ballot includes issues such as knife crime, the environment, mental health in schools and hate crime.

Megan Ginley, a Youth Parliament member for Lancashire, said: "I think it is really important that all young people use their vote and say what really matters to them. The ballot is now open and I would urge young people to use their vote."

Local Members of the Youth Parliament are working with schools, colleges, youth groups and voluntary groups in their districts to encourage young people to get involved.

There are 10 topics on the 'Make Your Mark' ballot paper to choose from and young people can also suggest their own local issue. The five most popular topics will be discussed in their House of Commons debate and broadcast live on BBC Parliament.

UK Youth Parliament members debating in the House of Commons.

County Councillor Phillippa Williamson, Lancashire's cabinet member for children, young people and schools, said: "The vote from Lancashire's young people is always high and I'm hoping for similar enthusiasm this year.

"'Make Your Mark gives decision-makers at every level of government the opportunity to understand young people's priorities. Young people are passionate about the world they live in and their futures, and this annual ballot makes sure that their concerns are not only listened to, but also acted on. This is an extremely effective way of young people making their voices loud enough to be heard."

The five main issues of concern for Lancashire young people last year were mental health; putting an end to knife crime; equal pay for equal work; tackling homelessness; and votes at 16.

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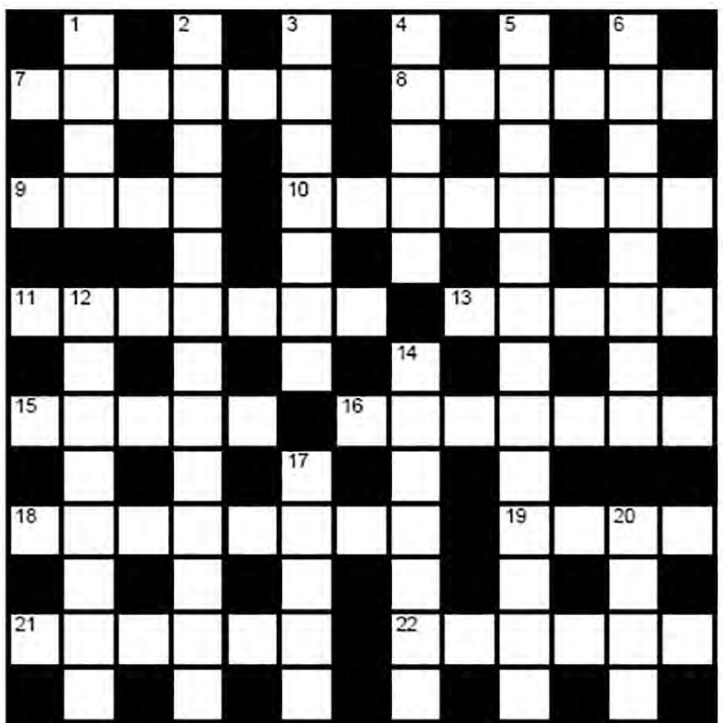

Last week's solutions:

Across: 7. Paternity suit. 8. Beverage. 9. Mien. 10. Biology. 12. Argue. 14. Slope. 16. Chancel. 19. Isle. 20. Whodunnit. 22. Dressing table.

Down: 1. Hate. 2. Reveal. 3. Enlarge. 4. Otter. 5. Isomer. 6. Fine-tune. 11. Illusory. 13. Through. 15. Please. 17. Nougat. 18. Swain. 21. Idle.

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9. Small, harp-like musical instrument associated with ancient Greece (4)
10. Cooking utensil typically with a long handle and a lid (8)
11. Formally put an end to a practice or an institution for instance (7)
13. First leader of the USSR (5)
15. Thin piece of wood (5)
16. Metric unit of square measure, equal to 2.471 acres or 10,000 square metres (7)
18. New York street famous for theatres (8)
19. Staff of office regarded as a symbol of the authority of the House of Commons (4)
21. A fuel-burning apparatus or container for heating water (6)
22. Small in size (6)

DOWN

1. Remain in the same place (4)
2. Impossible to replace if lost or damaged (13)
3. Own (7)
4. Distribute or publish (5)
5. To guess that something is worth less or is smaller than it really is (13)
6. A supporter of King Charles I in the English Civil War (8)
12. Part of a home used for personal hygiene activities (8)
14. Convert (waste) into reusable material (7)
17. Prize, trophy or honour (5)
20. Name for a baby cow, elephant or whale (4)

Men-Aces' trophy triumph

TALENTED members of the Skemersdale Men-Aces disability football team have celebrated another trophy triumph.

The club sent two teams to take part in the Doncaster tournament held in the shadows of the Keepmoat Stadium and featuring a total of 72 competing sides from throughout the UK.

The Men-Aces kept their composure, despite facing some 'unknown quantities' among their opponents.

Proud managers, Carl and Mim Eaton, said: "Our lads played the beautiful game as it should be played, getting better as they went on. The quality of play was truly breathtaking at times, with some sublime goals putting the Skem teams high up the table."

And while Men-Aces B team did really well to finish runners-up, the A team excelled in their league, conceding just a single goal and winning all their games to lift the trophy.

The Skem Men-Aces teams at the Doncaster tournament.

Brogan to defend belt at Olympia

SKEM boxer Steve 'Serious' Brogan is set to return to the ring next month to defend his Central Area lightweight title against Irvin Magno at Liverpool Olympia on Saturday, October 5.

The 35-year-old Brogan (pictured) will be looking to claim the 15th win of his pro career which also features two draws and just the one defeat to Lee Appleyard when contesting the vacant English lightweight title.

His opponent, 26-year-old Magno, was born in the Philippines but is now based in Buxton, Derbyshire and has a professional record of nine bouts with five wins and a draw.

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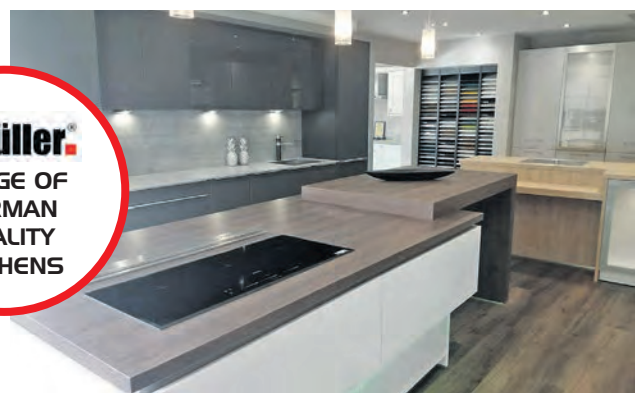

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‘Intense watch’

Review by **Danielle Thompson**

The Woman in Black theatre review Blackpool’s Grand Theatre, Wednesday, September 11: 7/10

AS a horror fan, I was eagerly awaiting this performance, which had been billed as a ‘truly nerve shredding-experience’ and while I cannot wholly endorse it that strongly, it was a very well-acted, intense and intriguing watch.

Based on Susan Hill’s The Woman in Black and adapted by Stephen Mallatratt, I hadn’t read the book or seen the 2012 film of the same name, starring Harry Potter child actor Daniel Radcliffe - so I wasn’t aware of the main ‘twist’ which was interesting but unfortunately very easily guessed. I think many in the audience had seen it before as there was much discussion in the bar at the break as to how it ‘compared’ to the film and other West End productions, which I tried my best not to hear.

Daniel Easton, the actor who played ‘the actor’ (hang in with me here), gave an exceptional performance with Robert Goodale as Arthur Kipps (and all the other small parts!) by holding the nature of acting and the use of imagination up to a mirror.

The framing of the performance allowed the producers and actors to have more fun with how they used their props, including rather creatively using this as a way to share why they had chosen them and challenging the audience to use their imagination in different ways.

For me, the first half moved quite slowly, but it really picked up pace in the second half and parts had the audience really on the edge of their seats. For such a simple production – mostly two actors and minimal props – they managed to successfully ramp up the tension to the point where two audience members next to me screamed in one of the most chilling parts.

I don’t want to say anything about the twist or anything that follows it as the gradually unravelling horror, combined with the bare bones production, creates a creeping sense of dread and the concept of the far-flung consequences of the main protagonists will stay with you for hours afterwards.

The Woman in Black at Blackpool's Grand Theatre was rated highly

Group opens new season

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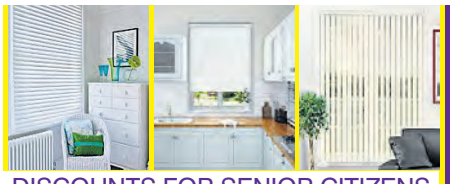

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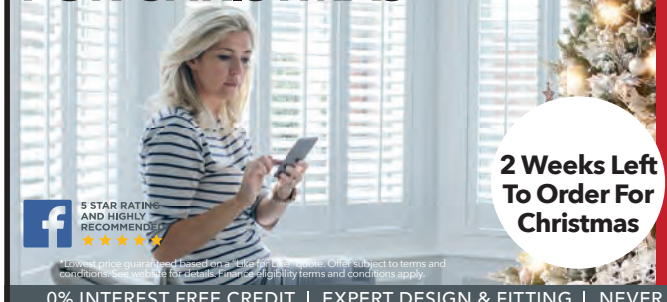

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Carolyn and family would like to express their heartfelt thanks to all relatives and friends for their many messages of sympathy, cards, mass cards and generous donations to the Alzheimer's Society following their recent sad loss.

Thank you to all who attended Tony's funeral mass on Thursday 5th September. Special thanks to father John Heneghan who celebrated Tony's Requiem mass and made it such a special celebration for us all.

Thank you to Paul Hardman who conducted the service at the crematorium for his kind words and ministrations.

Thank you to all the doctors at the Corner surgery. Your untiring care for Tony was a great support to us all.

Many thanks to the palliative care team who cared for Tony in his final days.

Very special thanks to all the wonderful team of carers at Birch abbey Tony's home for the last four years.

Your love and care for Tony in these last four years has been amazing.

Finally a special thanks to Michael and all at M. Rushton Funeral Directors for their compassion and professionalism and dignified funeral arrangements.

McCLUSKEY DOROTHY (DOT)

The family of the late Dot McCluskey would like to thank all those who attended her funeral at Southport Crematorium. Thanks also for cards received & the generous donations to the Alzheimers Society.

Thanks to all the staff at Park Grove Rest Home, Burscough & Avalon Care Home, Southport. Thanks for Prayers & support for all at Our Lady Catholic Church, Tarleton.

Bill, Val, Mick & Sue would like to express their gratitude to all at Co-op Funeral Care, Tarleton for their dignified & compassionate services.

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HALLS ELIZABETH ANNE

The family of the late Liz Halls would like to thank all the relatives, friends and neighbours for their kindness and sympathy following the sad loss of Liz.

The family would also like to thank those who kindly donated to the Woodlands Hospice where Liz was looked after in her last few days.

Thank you to Ian from Howard's Funeral Directors for his support and for all that he has done, it made a very sad time easier.

FORSYTH EILEEN

Ron and Family would like to express their sincere thanks to all relatives, friends and neighbours for all the sympathy cards, messages of condolence and donation for Carla Lane Animal Shelter received during their recent sad loss of Eileen. Special thanks to John Milton for his kind ministrations and to Margaret and staff at Hillcroft Care Home for all the care and attention given.

Thanks also to Lisa Hunter and her Team at MLS Independent Funeral Directors for their professional care and guidance given.

DEATHS

LAW HELEN RUTH

3rd September 2019
aged 60 years

Beloved Wife of Stephen and Mother of Ashley and John. Will be sadly missed by all her family. Funeral service at Southport Crematorium on Friday 20th September at 11.20am. Family flowers only. All donations to Kidney Foundation. Enquiries to Devonport Funeral Services Tel: 01695 731199

Announcements

DEATHS

TIPPING WILLIAM EDWARD (BILLY)

Passed Away
9 September 2019
Aged 91 Years.

Dearly beloved Husband of Helen, much loved Dad of Peter and Billy will be sadly missed by all his Family and Friends. Bills' funeral service is to be held at Holy Rosary Church, Altway, Old Roan on Friday 27th September 2019 at 10:00am followed by Interment at Thornton Garden of Rest. Family flowers only please, donations if desired in memory of Billy will be gratefully received for MacMillan Cancer Support. For all enquiries please contact Graham J. Clegg Funeral Service, 7 Dover Road, Maghull L31 5JB Tel: 0151 520 3330

FAHEY PAUL

of Aughton, Crosby and North Wales passed away 27th August. Funeral at St. Helens, Crosby.
20th September at 12:00pm

Dress code: no black

MCGRATH ANGELA

Passed away peacefully 12th September 2019

Dearly loved Wife of Frank. Loved and missed by all her family and friends. Funeral Mass and Interment at St. Annes R.C. Church, Ormskirk on Friday 20th September 2019 at 12 noon. Family flowers only please by request but donations if so desired for The Alzheimers Society.

Donations and further enquires please to Lisa Hunter MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 20 Moss Delph Lane, Aughton Lancashire Tel: 01695 424888

DEATHS

SCOTT REGINALD DANIEL

Passed away peacefully 1st September 2019 aged 99 Years

Reunited with Sybil. Much Loved Dad of Peter, Father in law to Angela and Grandad to Emma.
Loved and Missed by all his Family and Friends.
Funeral Service took place at West Lancs Crematorium, on Tuesday 17th September, their where family flowers only by request but donations are being gratefully received for Blind Veterans Uk Associations.

Donations and further enquires please to Anabel Hunter MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 20, Moss Delph Lane, Aughton Lancashire Tel: 01695 424888.

GASKELL JOHN DAVID

9th September 2019
Aged 79 years

Died peacefully at home after a long illness. Loving Husband of Eileen, much loved Dad of Eileen, Paul, Nigel, Linda and Cliff. Cherished Grandad and Great-Grandad to all of his Grandchildren. John will be greatly missed by all his family and friends.Funeral service to be held at West Lancashire Crematorium, Pippin Street, Ormskirk, L40 7SP, at 1:00pm on Wednesday 25th September 2019. Family flowers only please but donations, if desired, to Queenscourt Hospice. Enquires to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport. PR9 9DR.Telephone: 01704 500086.

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DEATHS

WARD TONY

15th September 2019
Peacefully at his home in Skelmersdale
aged 79 years

The dearly loved Husband of Barbara. Loving Dad of Karen, Tony, Lesley, Andrew, Jason and Jamie. Dear Father in law of Jenny and Pam and devoted Grandad to all his Grandchildren. Funeral service at St Helens Crematorium on Friday 27th September 2019 at 2:00pm. Family flowers only please, donations if desired for Alzheimers Society.
All enquiries to Melanie Hardman at H Hardman & Co.: Independent Family Funeral Directors of Skelmersdale, Ormskirk & Scarisbrick Tel: 01695 722122/720012

DEATHS

TAYLOR BRIAN

9th September 2019
Peacefully in hospital
aged 81 years
of Westhead

The dearly loved Husband of Brenda. He will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. Funeral service and interment at St James' Church, Westhead on Thursday 19th September 2019 at 2:30pm. Family flowers only please, donations if desired for St James' Church or St Andrew's Mission Church, Crabtree.

All enquiries to Melanie Hardman at H Hardman & Co., Independent Family Funeral Directors of Skelmersdale, Ormskirk & Scarisbrick. Tel: 01695 722122/720012

DEATHS

STOREY RICHARD HENRY

Passed away in Southport Hospital on Tuesday 3rd September 2019 aged 66 years

Much Loved Brother of Angela and Beloved Son of the late Jean and Henry, Dear Brother in law of the late Edward James Hunt. "He will be sadly missed by all who know him" Funeral Service at Holy Trinity Church, Bickerstaffe, on Thursday 19th September 2019 at 11.15 am followed by Interment at Ormskirk Parish Church. Family flowers only please by request but donations are being gratefully received for Guide Dogs for The Blind.

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DEATHS

DAVIES PHILIP STANLEY

8th September 2019
Peacefully
aged 65 years

Dearly loved Dad to Paul, Graeme, Mark and Gareth, loving Brother and Brother in law to Alison & Tony, Uncle to Kate and Claire. Lots of love and kisses from Grandchildren Luis, Laila, Pearl and Isobel.

Rest in peace Phil, love from Pam and Linton, Emily, Enid, Hannah, Kat and Bella.

"We will forever remember the good times. You will be missed dearly. Goodnight and God bless Dad. We all love you so much xxx"

Funeral service will be held at West Lancashire Crematorium, Burscough, Today, Wednesday 18th September 2019 at 1:45pm. Family flowers only please, donations if desired for Queenscourt Hospice.
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DEATHS

WELCH BETTY

Dear Wife of Arthur. Loving Mum to Joy and Sarah, Nana to her darling Grandchildren Megan, William, Jacob and Reuben, Mother in law to Ian and Jonathan. Betty changed her address to Heaven on Tuesday 10th September 2019. She was buried in St. Michaels graveyard.
At a later date there will be an informal time arranged to share personal memories of Betty.

I want to thank God for my wonderful life, for my parents, husband, daughters, work colleagues, neighbours and all whom have enriched my life so much.
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May you experience the peace we have experienced during the storms of life.
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God bless Betty x

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DEATHS

RATCLIFFE ALAN

11 September 2019
Aged 85 years
Sadly passed away after a long illness.

Dearly loved Husband of Mabel. Loving Father of Kym, Mandy, Caroline and Lyndsey. Grandfather of Emma, Anthony, Matthew and Ben. Great-Grandfather of Harry, Theo and Eleanor. He will be greatly missed by everyone. Funeral service to be held at Southport Crematorium on Thursday 19th September at 1.20pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Queenscourt Hospice. Further enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport, PR9 9DR. Telephone 01704 500086.

DEATHS

MCPARLAND TOM

'Lived a full and happy life.'

Passed away
5th September 2019
Aged 89 Years

Beloved Husband to Barbara. Much Loved Dad to Barry, Katie and Susanne. Grandfather to Seth, Silje, Natalia, Caroline, Tom and Nicole He will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.

Funeral Service at West Lancs Crematorium on Monday 23rd September at 1.45pm Family Flowers only by request but Donations are being gratefully recieved for RNLI

Donations and further enquiries please contact April Hunter MLS Independent Funeral Directors 20 Moss Delph Lane Aughton L39 5DZ. Tel: 01695 424888.

DEATHS

NICOLL BRIAN

6th September 2019
Peacefully at his home in Skelmersdale
aged 84 years

The dearly loved Husband of Mary, loving Dad of Gaynar and Julie, dear Father in law of John (deceased) and Fred, devoted Grandad of BJ, Emma and Heather, Great Grandad to Brandon and Kaleb and much loved Brother of Brenda.
Funeral service at St Paul's Church, Skelmersdale on Friday 20th September 2019 at 12:45pm followed by cremation at West Lancashire Crematorium, Burscough.

All enquiries to Melanie Hardman at H Hardman & Co., Independent Family Funeral Directors of Skelmersdale, Ormskirk & Scarisbrick Tel: 01695 722122/720012

PRICE JOHN GILBERT

Suddenly in hospital on 9th September 2019
Aged 80 years

Dearly beloved Husband of the late Anne. Much loved Dad of Sharon. Dear Father-in-law of Darren. Devoted Grandad of Aiden. Was like a Dad to the late Margaret, Kath, the late Marie and Ian. John will be sadly missed by all who knew him. Funeral Service and Committal will take place at Southport Crematorium on Monday 23rd September 2019 at 2.40pm. Family flowers only by request but the family are gratefully receiving donations for Lucas John Foundation. Further enquiries please to Moisters Funeralcare, 25a Sefton Street, Southport PR8 6SG Tel 01704 501501.

WILLIAMS JEAN

1st September 2019
Aged 91 years

Loving Wife to John and Mother to Graham. Will be sadly missed. Service and cremation at Thornton Crematorium on Friday 20th September at 12.40pm. Family flowers only, donations if desired payable to British Heart Foundation c/o Dean Bros Independent Funeral Directors, Deans Court, 76 Gores Lane, Formby L37 7DF. Tel 01704 872023.

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GABRIEL GEORGE KENNETH

4th September 2019
Passed away peacefully in Hospital
Aged 77 years

Husband to Diane. Father to Simon, Mark and Natalie. Father-in-law to Sharon, Julia and Simon. Missed by Grandchildren Emily, Jessica, Jake, Samuel, Bethan, Abigail, Matthew, James and Alice. The Family would like to thank all friends and relatives for condolences, cards and support at this time. Funeral at West Lancashire Crematorium on Friday 20th September at 10am Family Flowers only. Donations to MS Society. All Enquiries to Co-op Funeralcare Ormskirk Tel: 01695 577244

GUYERS KATHLEEN (KATHY)

9th September 2019
Aged 77 years

Much loved Mother of Alan, Tony and Phil, Mother-In-Law to Angela, Mandy and Kath. Loved by all her Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren. Sadly missed by all her family and friends. Special thanks to Birch Green Care Home. Funeral will take place at St Helens Crematorium at 11am on Monday 30th September followed by refreshments at Wardens Club, Skelmersdale.

GRAINGER RAYMOND

Who sadly passed away on 5th September 2019

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20th September

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16th September 2009

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PUBLIC NOTICES

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(U646 HILLOCK LANE, DALTON, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH AND C163 LEES LANE, DALTON, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2019
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.
1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over the following lengths of highway in the Borough of West Lancashire;
i. U646 Hillock Lane, Dalton from C163 Lees Lane, Dalton for a distance of 303m in a South Westerly direction.
ii. C163 Lees Lane, Dalton from U646 Hillock Lane, Dalton for a distance of 953m in an Easterly direction.
2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.
3. The prohibition will be operative from 0800 hours on Monday 30th September 2019 until 1700 hours on Friday 8th November 2019 or until completion of the works within this period. The closures on the aforementioned lengths of highway will be staggered and will not be in place at the same.
4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:-
Diversion (U646 Hillock Lane)
C163 Lees Lane, Dalton – C161 Higher Lane, Dalton – U646 Hillock Lane, Dalton and vice versa.
Diversion (C163 Lees Lane)
C163 Lees Lane, Dalton – C162 Appley Lane South, Appley Bridge – C162 Appley Lane North, Appley Bridge – B5375 Appley Lane North, Appley Bridge – A5209 Hall Lane, Appley Bridge – A5209 Sparrow Hill, Parbold – A5209 Parbold Hill, Parbold – A5209 Alder Lane, Parbold – C161 Higher Lane, Dalton and vice versa.
The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow excavation of joint bays to enable high voltage overlay to be carried out by Gallagher Ltd on behalf of Electricity North West.
Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6780 [Ref: HRiT/19648/EW]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(U301 CRABTREE LANE, BURSCOUGH, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2019
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.
1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of U301 Crabtree Lane, Burscough from 20m South West of the Level Crossing to 20m North East of the Level Crossing.
2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.
3. The prohibition will be operative from 0035 hours on Sunday 6th October 2019 until 0300 hours on Monday 7th October 2019 or until completion of the works within this period. Access for pedestrians only.
4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:-
U301 Crabtree Lane, Burscough – C137 Red Cat Lane, Burscough – A59 Liverpool Road North, Burscough – U396 Orrell Lane, Burscough – U301 Crabtree Lane, Burscough and vice versa.
The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow the removal of the level crossing for re-ballasting and renewal of concrete sleepers and decking to be carried out by Centurion Site Services on behalf of Network Rail.
Authority given for this Order to be made:
[Ref: HRiT/19415/EW]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(BACK LANE, NEWBURGH, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH AND HOLLOWFORD LANE, LATHOM, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2019
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.
1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of roads as detailed below:-
i. Back Lane, Newburgh from Spencer's Canal Bridge to Hollowford Lane Bridge, Newburgh.
ii. Hollowford Lane, Lathom from Hollowford Lane Bridge, Newburgh to 90m South East of the junction of U475 Frog Lane, Lathom
2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.
3. The prohibition will be operative from 0830 hours until 1400 hours on Wednesday 2nd October 2019 or until completion of the works within this period. Access will be maintained for emergency vehicles.
4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:-
Hollowford Lane, Lathom – C164 Ring O Bells Lane, Lathom – A5209 Briars Lane, Lathom – A5209 Lowry Hill Lane, Lathom – A5209 Course Lane, Lathom – Back Lane, Newburgh and vice versa.
The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow the replacement of 2x BT poles to be carried out by WRB Solutions Limited on behalf of BT.
Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Highways and Transport 0300 123 6780 [Ref: HRiT/19184/EW]

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Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 - Article 15
APPLICATION(S) FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

2019/0783/FUL Alterations and the construction of an external garden wall at 50 Roby Mill, Up Holland.
The application affects a Conservation Area.
2019/0799/WL3 External refurbishment including replacement of timber cladding with insulated render, replacement windows and doors, recovering of roofs and replacement porch canopies at 3 Beech Avenue, Parbold.
The application affects a Conservation Area.
2019/0809/FUL Replacement small animal shelter and residents cat's lodge. Demolition of existing small animal shelter and outbuildings at Woodlands Pet Hotel, Woodlands Farm, Sandy Lane, Holmeswood.
2019/0867/FUL Construction of 10 residential units at 31 Becconsall Lane, Hesketh Bank.
2019/0888/FUL Alterations to existing dwelling:-Extension to garage. Replacement Conservatory. Changes to Fenestration. Erection of outbuilding. Landscaping. Removal of trees at Arboleda, 42 Ruff Lane, Ormskirk.
The application affects a Conservation Area.
2019/0890/FUL Variation of Condition No. 2 imposed on planning permission 2017/0665/FUL to vary the approved plans at Site Of Former Sports Centre, Digmoor Road, Digmoor, Skelmersdale.
2019/0891/FUL Replacement windows/doors at 18 Springwood Drive, Rufford.
The application affects a Conservation Area.
2019/0896/FUL Change of use from current (retail) to a bar serving food (A1 to A3 / A4 use class). Proposed alterations to rear courtyard to provide additional external seating and revised vehicular parking at 69 Town Green Lane, Aughton.
The applications are available for viewing on the Council's website www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. Alternatively, the application can be viewed during normal office hours at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and at 1st Floor, The Concourse, Skelmersdale. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e-mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to Development and Regeneration Services, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 24 days of the date of this notice quoting the application number.
Applications for Minor Commercial and Householder Development
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John R Harrison DipEnvP., MRTPI Dated: 18th September 2019
Director of Development and Regeneration PDNOT1061

LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(B5240 HALL LANE, LATHOM, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2019
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.
1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle or cycle to proceed over that length of B5240 Hall Lane, Lathom from U49829 Hall Lane Service Road, Lathom (North End) to U49829 Hall Lane Service Road (South End).
2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.
3. The prohibition will be operative from 0800 hours on Monday 23rd September 2019 until 1700 hours on Thursday 3rd October 2019 or until completion of the works within this period.
4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:-
B5240 Hall Lane, Lathom – A5209 Briars Lane, Lathom – A5209 Briars Lane, Burscough – A5209 Square Lane, Burscough – A59 Liverpool Road South, Burscough – A59 High Lane, Ormskirk – A59 County Road, Ormskirk – B5197 Aughton Street, Ormskirk – A570 Park Road, Ormskirk – A577 St Helens Road, Ormskirk – A577 Moor Street, Ormskirk – A577 Wigan Road,Ormskirk – A577 Crosshall Brow, Ormskirk – A577 Wigan Road, Westhead – A577 Wigan Road, Lathom – B5240 Plough Lane, Lathom – B5240 Hall Lane, Lathom and vice versa.
The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow the installation of pressure points and purge points on a medium pressure gas valve to be carried out by J N Bentley Ltd.
Authority given for this Order to be made:
Peter Bell, Regulation and Enforcement Manager, Highways and Transport, 0300 123 6780 [Ref: HRiT/19640/EW]

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1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of C165 Station Road, Parbold from the junction of Broadmead, Parbold to the junction of U50688 Beacon Crossing, Parbold.
2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.
3. The prohibition will be operative from 2359 hours on Saturday 28th September 2019 until 0800 hours on Sunday 29th September 2019 or until completion of the works within this period. Access will be for pedestrian traffic only.
4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:-
C165 The Common, Parbold – B5246 Lancaster Lane, Parbold – A5209 Alder Lane, Parbold – C165 Mill Lane, Parbold – C165 Station Road, Parbold and vice versa.
The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow a Road-Rail Vehicle to carry out drainage and culvert clearing works to be carried out by Network Rail.
Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Highways and Transport 0300 123 6780 [Ref: HRiT/19211/EW]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(RIDING LANE, HASKAYNE, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2019
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.
1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Riding Lane, Haskayne from Sumner Avenue, Haskayne to the access of the sewage works on Riding Lane, Haskayne. Exemption to this is permitted for the contractors carrying out the works.
2. The prohibition will be operative from 0800 hours on Monday 7th October 2019 until 1800 hours on Friday 18th October 2019 or until completion of the works within this period. Access will be maintained whenever and wherever possible.
3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:-
Riding Lane – School Lane – Old Lane
The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow the installation of a new water main works to be carried out by Mott MacDonald Bentley Limited.
Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701 [Ref: HRiT/17347/EW]

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1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Riding Lane, Haskayne from Sumner Avenue, Haskayne to the access of the sewage works on Riding Lane, Haskayne. Exemption to this is permitted for the contractors carrying out the works.
2. The prohibition will be operative from 0800 hours on Monday 7th October 2019 until 1800 hours on Friday 18th October 2019 or until completion of the works within this period. Access will be maintained whenever and wherever possible.
3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:-
Riding Lane – School Lane – Old Lane
The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow the installation of a new water main works to be carried out by Mott MacDonald Bentley Limited.
Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701 [Ref: HRiT/17347/EW]

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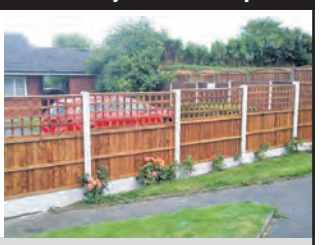

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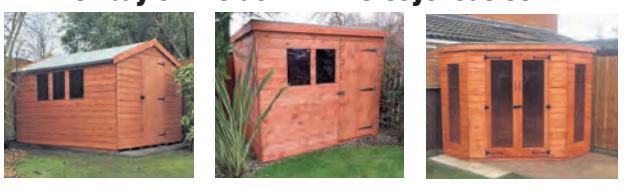

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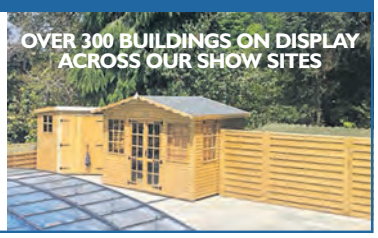

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Is the new Land Rover a bloated pastiche?

IT'S A Kia Soul. It's a Skoda Yeti. It's a bloated pastiche of a British icon. And what the heck is that weird block in the rear window, anyway?

Actually, I quite like the new Land Rover Defender. I got the chance to have a proper look around it at last weekend's Goodwood Revival, just a few days after its big debut at the Frankfurt Motor Show (although why a show dedicated to 1960s classic cars is being used to promote brand new off-roaders is another question entirely), and first impressions are… that it's massive. The helpful folk at Solihull had stuck an old Series I next to it, and it was well and truly dwarfed by the new arrival.

But once you come to terms with its sheer stature and start looking at the little details, the more it looks and feels like a proper Landie. There's a rather uncomfortable looking middle seat between the driver and front passenger – just like there was in my dad's old One Ten – and where other purveyors of mud-pluggers treat the bodywork with garnishings of chrome-effect trim, the Defender's got chunky swathes of unromantic plastic. Which is exactly what you want when you're brushing past hedges on rutted farm tracks.

With the notable exception of the front windscreen, which I still think is a little too steeply raked, at first glance the new arrival does pull off what everyone thought was impossible; replacing an off-roader that's been in production since 1983 with something that looks simultaneously modern and traditional.

Obviously, it's only fair to reserve final judgement until everyone starts driving it (preferably up a few muddy inclines), but I think we'll only really know if the new Defender works once it's out of the car shows and away from the flattering press shots of showroom-fresh examples being driven up mountains and across deserts.

Specifically, it needs to work when it's shorn of its rear bodywork and fitted with an Ifor Williams aluminium canopy. Drive over the border into North Wales, go to somewhere like Denbigh or Llanrwst, and you'll see Land Rovers in their purest form, invariably hauling sheep back and forth. There isn't an alloy wheel, LED light or trendy paint job in sight here – spot a Defender here and it'll almost always be painted in a drab, non-metallic shade that's splattered with muck, kitted out on steel wheels and fitted with a canopy that's covered in scratches.

That's how a Land Rover should look. The new Defender has pulled off looking brilliant with an aplomb that's managed to surprise just about everyone.But if it can pull off looking down-at-heel too, only then will we know if it's replaced an icon. Best get busy if you work for Ifor Williams…

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ASTRA 1.6 DESIGN 5 DR 15 REG 24,000 miles in flip chip silver metallic, alloys, cruise, bluetooth – FSH, May MOT & supplied by ourselves..... **£5,995**

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* **CORSA 1.4 SE NAV AUTO 5 DR 68 REG** 15,000 miles in lava red, SAT NAV, Bluetooth, IntelliLink, alloys, DAB radio, heated front seats & steering wheel, cruise, Bluetooth, heated windscreen, aircon..... **£11,395**

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* **CORSA 1.4 SE 90 5 DR 17 REG** 4,000 miles in dark sea blue metallic, IntelliLink, front & rear park assist, alloys, DAB radio, heated front seats & steering wheel, cruise, Bluetooth, heated windscreen - FSH **£8,995**

* **CORSA 1.4 SE 90 5 DR 16 REG** 14,000 miles in Persian blue metallic, IntelliLink, front & rear park assist, alloy, DAB radio, heated front seats & steering wheel, cruise, Bluetooth, heated windscreen, aircon – FSH & £30 road tax **£7,995**

CORSA 1.4 SE 5 DR 65 REG 15,000 miles in power red, Bluetooth, alloys, DAB radio, heated front seats & steering wheel, cruise, heated windscreen, aircon – FSH, £30 road tax & supplied by us, 12 months MOT..... **£7,495**

CORSA 1.4 SE 5 DR 16 REG 20,000 miles in glacier white, IntelliLink, front & rear park assist, alloys, DAB radio, heated front seats & steering wheel, cruise, Bluetooth, heated windscreen, aircon - FSH & £30 road tax, July MOT..... **£7,495**

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* **CASCADA 1.4 TURBO SE 2 DR CONVERTIBLE 64 REG** 36,000 miles in white, black leather, heated front seats, alloys, cruise, Bluetooth, rear park assist – FSH & 12 months MOT..... **£8,395**

VAUXHALL ADAM

ADAM 1.2 JAM 3 DR 63 REG 30,000 miles in pump up blue with white roof, alloys, bluetooth, cruise - July MOT and FSH..... **£4,795**

ZAFIRA TOURER

* **ZAFIRA 1.4 TURBO SRi 5 DR 65 REG (7 SEATER)** 31,000 miles in dark sea blue metallic, alloys, aircon, cruise, DAB radio, Bluetooth, front & rear park assist - FSH and 12 months MOT..... **£8,295**

MERIVA

MERIVA 1.4 TURBO EXCLUSIV AUTO 5 DR 65 REG 23,000 miles in waterworld metallic, cruise, front and rear park assist – 12 months MOT..... **£6,150**

MOKKA X

* **MOKKA X 1.4 TURBO ACTIVE AUTO 5 DR 18 REG** 2,000 miles in Boracay blue metallic, IntelliLink, Bluetooth, alloys, cruise, DAB radio, front & rear park assist, climate **£14,295**

* **MOKKA X 1.4 TURBO ACTIVE 5 DR 68 REG** 9,000 miles in Boracay blue metallic, IntelliLink, Bluetooth, alloys, cruise, DAB radio, front & rear park assist, climate **£12,995**

MOKKA X 1.4 TURBO DESIGN NAV 5 DR 66 REG 16,000 miles in white, SAT NAV, Bluetooth, alloys, IntelliLink, cruise, DAB radio, front & rear park assist, climate – supplied by ourselves..... **£10,995**

MOKKA

* **MOKKA 1.4 TURBO SE 5 DR 16 REG** 12,000 miles in sovereign silver metallic, Bluetooth, alloys, full leather, heated front seats, front & rear park assist, cruise, aircon – FSH..... **£9,895**

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* **AUDI A4 1.4 SE TFSi 4 DR 67 REG** 17,000 miles in white, Bluetooth, alloys, cruise, climate, front & rear park assist – balance of 3 yr Audi warranty..... **£16,195**

* **HYUNDAI TUCSON 1.6 SE NAV GDi 5 DR 67 REG** 10,000 miles in moon rock grey metallic, SAT NAV, Bluetooth, climate, cruise, DAB radio, alloys, heated front seats, reverse camera – FSH & balance of 5 yr Hyundai warranty **£14,595**

* **RENAULT KADJAR 1.3 TCE (PETROL) ENERGY DYNAMIQUE S NAV 5 DR 68 REG** 9,000 miles in flame red metallic, SAT NAV, Bluetooth, front & rear park assist, DAB radio, alloys, cruise, balance of 3 year Renault warranty..... **£14,395**

* **HONDA CR-V 1.6 i-DTEC SE (DIESEL) 5 DR 16 REG** 18,000 miles in blue metallic, alloys, Bluetooth, climate, cruise, DAB radio, rear parking camera, front & rear park assist – FSH and £30 tax, April MOT..... **£13,250**

* **HYUNDAI TUCSON 1.7 SE NAV CRDi 5 DR 66 REG** 22,000 miles in inca beach metallic, SAT NAV, Bluetooth, climate, cruise, DAB radio, alloys, heated front seats, reverse camera – balance of 5 yr Hyundai warranty, FSH & £30 road tax..... **£12,995**

NISSAN QASHQAI 1.2 ACENTA DIG-T SMART VISION (PETROL) 5 DR 17 REG 10,000 miles in gun metal grey metallic, alloys, aircon, bluetooth, front & rear park assist, – supplied & serviced by ourselves, balance of 3 year warranty & FSH..... **£11,995**

* **KIA SPORTAGE 1 1.7 CRDi 5 DR 17 REG** 27,000 miles in denim blue/grey metallic, Bluetooth, alloys, DAB radio, aircon, cruise – FSH & balance of 7 yr Kia warranty **£11,995**

* **FORD FIESTA 1.0 TURBO ECOBOOST TITANIUM 100 5 DR 67 REG (NEW SHAPE)** 6,000 miles in magnetic grey metallic, Bluetooth, alloys, aircon, cruise, DAB radio, SAT NAV, heated windscreen, privacy glass - balance of 3 yr Ford warranty.. **£11,695**

* **RENAULT CAPTUR 0.9 ICONIC TCE 90 5 DR 68 REG** 9,000 miles in diamond black with ivory roof, SAT NAV, Bluetooth, alloys, climate – balance of 3 yr Renault warranty, climate, rear park assist..... **£10,995**

FIESTA 1.0 T ECOBOOST ST-LINE 3 DR 17 REG 17,000 miles in bright red, alloys – local car, balance of 3 yr Ford warranty..... **£9,495**

* **RENAULT CLIO 0.9 DYNAMIQUE NAV TCE 90 5 DR 18 REG** 8,000 miles in diamond black metallic, SAT NAV, Bluetooth, DAB radio, alloys, aircon, cruise - balance of 3 yr Renault warranty..... **£9,150**

* **PEUGEOT 208 1.2 ALLURE 81 5 DR 18 REG** 9,000 miles in aluminium silver metallic, Bluetooth, alloys, rear park assist, DAB radio, cruise, aircon - balance of 3 yr Peugeot warranty..... **£8,795**

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* **DACIA SANDERO STEPWAY 0.9 LAUREATE TCE 5 DR 17 REG** 10,000 miles in red metallic, alloys, bluetooth, cruise, DAB radio, rear park assist, air con - £30 road tax & balance of 3 yr Dacia warranty..... **£7,995**

BMW 116D 2.0 SPORT 5 DR 64 REG 57,000 miles in grey metallic, SAT NAV, Bluetooth, alloys – local car, 12 months MOT - £30 road tax..... **£7,995**

* **KIA SPORTAGE 2.0 CRDi KX-3 4WD 5 DR 13 REG** 81,000 miles in arctic white, panoramic roof, alloys, cruise, full leather, heated seats – FSH with ourselves & March MOT..... **£7,995**

SKODA YETI 2.0 TDi SE CR 110 5 DR 64 REG 46,000 miles in muscovado metallic, alloys, cruise, rear park assist – supplied & serviced by ourselves & 12 months MOT, FSH..... **£7,595**

* **FIAT 500 1.2 LOUNGE 3 DR 18 REG** 22,000 miles in pasodoble red, alloys, Bluetooth, cruise, DAB radio – balance of 3 yr Fiat warranty..... **£7,495**

FORD ECOSPORT 1.0 T ZETEC ECOBOOST 5 DR 65 REG 33,000 miles in silver metallic, alloys, rear park assist, Bluetooth..... **£7,195**

VW GOLF 1.6 SE TDi BLUEMOTION TECH 5 DR 14 REG 63,000 miles in bright red, alloys, Bluetooth, rear park assist, cruise, DAB radio – FSH, April MOT & £30 road tax **£6,795**

RENAULT CLIO 1.5 DCi DYNAMIQUE NAV 90 5 DR 17 REG 71,000 miles in black, SAT NAV, Bluetooth, alloys, rear park assist – £0 road tax, FSH with ourselves & balance of 4 yr Renault warranty..... **£6,495**

BMW 118D 2.0 M SPORT COUPE 4 DR 12 REG 85,000 miles in black, alloys, black leather, heated front seats, rear park assist – local car, serviced by ourselves - £30 road tax - FSH, March MOT..... **£6,395**

TOYOTA VERSO 2.0 TR D-4D 7 SEATER 5 DR 12 REG 62,000 miles in silver blue metallic, alloys – FSH and March MOT, sat nav, bluetooth - 1 family owned.... **£6,150**

MERCEDES SL280 AUTO CONVERTIBLE M REG 1994 90,000 miles in Silver with Grey leather, rear seats, detachable hard top (with stand) – June MOT - Owned by a friend of mine for the last 14 years (always garaged) - Lovely car with full service history..... **£5,750**

MINI COOPER S 1.6 CAMDEN 184 (LIMITED EDITION) 3 DR 59 REG 56,000 miles in snow silver metallic, alloys – FSH & May MOT **£5,295**

KIA SOUL 1.6 CRDI (DIESEL) SHAKER 5 DR 11 REG 46,000 miles in cream, alloys, rear park assist – FSH..... **£4,795**

RENAULT TWINGO 1.6 RS133 GORDINI 3 DR 11 REG 39,000 miles in black with full leather, alloys – FSH - retired owner, lovely car..... **£4,295**

ASTRA 1.4 TURBO SRi 5 DR 12 REG 55,000 miles in waterworld blue metallic, alloys - FSH & 12 months MOT..... **£4,250**

QUALITY PART EXCHANGES

VW PASSAT 2.0 TDi CR HIGHLINE 4 DR 58 REG 88,000 miles in midnight blue, leather, heated front seats, alloys – August 2020 MOT..... **£2,995**

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INSIGNIA 1.8 EXCLUSIV 5 DR 09 REG 60,000 miles in pannacotta metallic, aircon, cruise – FSH & 12 months MOT..... **£2,695**

ASTRA 1.4 SXi SPORT HATCH 3 DR 09 REG 62,000 miles in red, alloys – nice tidy car, FSH and March MOT, just had timing chain..... **£2,350**

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59 ALFA ROMEO MITO LUSSO 3-dr, black metallic, 61k..... **£3295**
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09 MINI ONE 1.4 PETROL in white F.S.H..... **£2995**
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53 AUDI TT COUPE, manual, silver/blue with cream leather..... **£2750**
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09 FIAT 500 1.3 DIESEL MANUAL in white, 5-dr..... **£2650**
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Ormskirk gain on leaders with one match left

ORMSKIRK gained two points on the Liverpool & District Cricket Competition Premier Division leaders after they beat Leigh by 20 runs at Brook Lane on Saturday.

Tom Hartley with 34 top scored for the hosts who were dismissed for 149, with Lancashire's Danny Lamb taking 5-39.

Lamb then top scored for the visitors with 73, but his efforts were futile though as the rest of his side succumbed to a bowling attack led by Scott Lees with 3-42.

It means leaders Bootle (379 pts) need three points to clinch the 2019 title with one round of matches remaining after they crushed Formby by nine wickets at Wadham Road.

Formby were sent in to bat and duly dispatched for 92 with Sam Oldham top scoring with 38, whilst Will Purser claimed 4-18 with the ball. The hosts then cruised to 94-1 to wrap up victory with Mike Farrell 48*and Sam Kershaw 28*both unbeaten.

Third placed Northern (283 pts) recorded a low scoring three wicket win at Southport & Birkdale (163 pts), the hosts were asked to bat and apart from Will Affleck with 32 offered little with willow as they were sent tumbling for 78, with Tom Sephton taking 5-25.

The visitors also struggled with the bat but 31 from Taylor Cornall and an unbeaten 9* from skipper James Cole eventually saw them to victory on 80-7 with Gary Keedy taking 4-27.

S&B's tenure in the top flight is now in their own hands as they lie just one place above Colwyn Bay (152 pts) and Lytham (151 pts) in the relegation zone.

Formby won the Ray Digman Trophy Final on Sunday after beating Ormskirk 2-1 in a bowl out. Ormskirk had scored 217-4 in their 40 overs with Gary Knight hitting an unbeaten 81

Formby were 89-1 in 13 overs with Ollie Sutton having scored 47 when rain caused the match to be abandoned.

Burscough sink to eleventh after defeat by champions

BURSCOUGH sank to eleventh in the Second Division table after they were beaten by four wickets at newly crowned champions Liverpool (383 pts).

The visitors' decision to bat first proved disastrous as they were bowled out for 67, with Daniel Clubbe 7-9 and Danny Kelly 3-21 doing all the damage with the ball.

Navdeep Aujla then took 5-17 but his efforts were thwarted by an unbeaten 33* from Josh Earle which took the hosts to victory on 68-6.

Southport Trinity (270 pts) were beaten by 28 runs at St Helens Town (332 pts) who clinched promotion with a game to spare.

James Davies top scored for the hosts with 25 as they were bowled out for 126 with Jake Sunderland taking 6-56. In reply, Trinity were dismissed for 98 with Tony Campbell unbeaten on 23* as the rest failed to cope with an attack led by Davies 4-19 and Dave Gaskell with 3-18.

Maghull (252 pts) ended Caldy's (291 pts) push for promotion with a four wicket win over the water, the hosts collapsed form 54-0 to 109 all out, thanks largely to 6-23 from young Aussie spinner Joe Medew-Ewen. In reply, the visitors sealed victory on 112-6 with Cam Lawrenson unbeaten on 15*.

Hightown St Mary's (244 pts) recorded a seven wicket home win against Spring View (219 pts), the visitors were put in to bat and dismissed for 103 with Alec McLoughlin taking 5-11 off 9.3 overs. In reply, 24 runs each from Jayden Schadendorf and Leo McCarthy, plus an unbeaten 26* from Matt Laybourne helped to the hosts to victory on 104-3.

THE final round of local LDCC fixtures of the season (noon start): Formby v Ormskirk, Lytham v Bootle, Northern v New Brighton, Wallasey v Southport & Birkdale, Fleetwood Hesketh v Northop Hall, Rainford v Ainsdale, Burscough v Parkfield Liscard, Maghull v St Helens Town, Norley Hall v Hightown St Mary's and Southport Trinity v Sutton.

All round effort by Manley ensures win for Skelmersdale

Skelmersdale 119
Mossley Hill 114

SKELMERSDALE were guaranteed a middle of the table finish but their opponents on Saturday Mossley Hill had to win to avoid relegation.

Joe Till won the toss and electing to bat first but Skem were soon 10-3 after Marston, Wright and K Till were out early.

Till took it to the opposition with an array of boundaries that took the home side beyond the 50 mark and a well made 33 from Manley ensured Skem were all out for 119, a score they were confident they could defend.

The visitors made a slow start and Martlew made the breakthrough, bowling Limb for 2.

A dangerous partnership grew but Manley was on hand to tear through Mossley Hill taking five wickets including three in one over.

Resistance from the lower order then left the visitors needing ten from the final over but tight bowling and a late wicket, courtesy of Wright, saw the visitors fall short by five runs.

Skem exit FA Vase after narrow loss

Skelmersdale United 1
Wythenshawe Town 2

SKELMERSDALE United's FA Vase hopes have been dashed for another season after Wythenshawe Town staged a second half comeback, *writes Simon Driscoll.*

The visitors started the brighter with Jerome Wright causing trouble on the wing and finding a way past Matthew Coughlan before hitting over the bar and minutes later he went closer with his shot being tipped past the post by Ben Barnes.

United's response saw Richard Brodie head narrowly past the post after latching on to a long-range free kick, The visitors were gifted a great chance as Brad Byrne was felled by Marvin Molyneux and the referee pointed to the spot. Up stepped Stuart Wellstead who despite beating Barnes saw his spot kick cannon back off the post.

Holden Moakes scores for Skelmerdale. Picture by John Driscoll

United replied with a dangerous cross from Liam Wood finshing Joe Cawley in space but he could only draw a save from Callum Jakovlevs before a powerful effort from John Keatley sailed past the post. The opening goal came for United on 40 minutes as Luke Holden-Moakes connected to a superb through pass from Alex Griffiths to advance on goal and slot past Jakovlevs for 1-0.

The lead could have doubled before the interval as Keatley stung the bar with a thundering effort that saw Cawley unable to fire in the rebound as he found the post.

Town took just 11 minutes of the second half to fraw level and they did so luckily with Brad Byrne reacting quickest after Barnes had parried Wellstead's free-kick to tap in for 1-1.

A double blow was to befall United shortly after the hour mark as with Coughlan sinbinned for dissent, Town took advantage and completed the comeback on 63 minutes with Wellstead slotting past Barnes for 2-1 after an effort from Jack Timmons was deflected into his path.

United needed to score to avoid an exit and went close through substitute Joel Douglas who could only fire over the bar while a clever cut inside from Cawley saw him look to curl the ball into the top corner, though he could only find the palms of Jakovlevs.

The best chance for United to draw level came on 86 minutes as a cheeky free-kick from Coughlan nearly caught Jakovlevs out at the near post but the ball could only drift past the wrong side of the upright.

Skem welcome Longridge Town to Prescot on Saturday for a first ever league meeting between the two teams.

Longridge got promoted to the North West Counties Premier Division at the end of last season and they have made a solid start to life in the higher division, achieving 12 points from their opening six league games.

They currently occupy fourth place in the table, one position outside the play-offs.

Linnets well-beaten at high flying Whitchurch

Whitchurch 4
Burscough 0

IT was always going to be a tough night for Burscough as they were forced to make their longest away trip of the season on a Monday night and so it proved to be after they were well-beaten by Whitchurch, *writes Neil Leatherbarrow.*

To add to the difficulty for the Linnets was the added motivation that their hosts had that if they won by four goals they would go top of the North-West Counties League Premier Division, and they had won eight of their opening ten games this season.

In the first-half Burscough did quite well but after the interval concedied an early own goal that knocked them back and Whitchurch went to beat them comfortably, at the same time netting the four goals that take them to the top of the league.

Whitchurch scored three minutes into the second half when Linnets captain Joel Richardson put the ball into his own net to make it 1-0.

The goal boosted Whitchurch and three minutes later they doubled their lead and instead of an uphill task Burscough now had a mountain to climb.

Unfortunately for Burscough, Whitchurch were now well on top and they were going in for the kill. Joe Cuff brought and excellent diving save out of Jones and Ellis went close.

Just after the hour mark Cuff crossed and Leon Ashman made it 3-0 his header going in rather luckily via the post.

In the latter stages Whitchurch scored again when Hughes headed home off a corner. It had been a bad night for Burscough and it could have been worse.

It hasn't been a good month for Burscough, they haven't won a game yet in September.

Things won't be easy to turn around this Saturday either. Northwich Victoria after a stuttering start have yet to play a league game this month due to FA Cup commitments but in their last league game in August they beat Litherland Remyca 8-0.

However, it would appear that Linnets manager Nick Matthews has players returning to his squad that have been unavailable and expects to field a much stronger team than of recent weeks.

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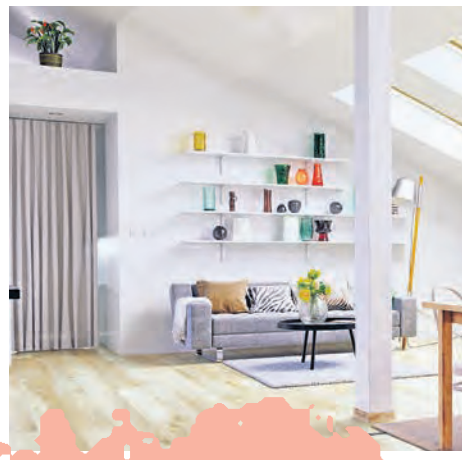

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Home improvements, when carried out correctly and to a good standard, can not only transform your living space, but can also add value to your home.

But before you start knocking through walls and tearing down ceilings, have a read through our handy guide to home improvements.

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Pick your paint

The colour of your walls has a huge impact on the overall look and feel of a room. But here's a tip, don't pick the paint colour first. It is much easier to choose a paint colour that goes with your furniture and décor than it is to choose décor and furniture to go with a paint colour.

Start with an inspiration

Pinterest is a great place to start when deciding on paint colours. Make a board for each room and start pinning rooms that catch your eye. Once you have about 10, you'll get a feel for what you are drawn to in terms of colour and style.

Stick with neutrals

We're not saying avoid colour all together. Colour is good, but you have to first decide where you want the attention in a room to go. If your answer is the walls, then go bold. And if you go bold on the walls then everything else in the room should be pretty neutral so that you don't end up with too many things competing. This is why bold colour in a bathroom can work so well because almost everything else in the room is already neutral (white)

Use testers

Buy testers in a few different colours / shades and paint a large enough area on a few of your walls so that you can see how the light hits it at different times of the day.

Almost all of the brands now have testers available. It is well worth spending the money to buy a few of these before committing to the colour. Plus leftover samples are great for touching up and for other small painting projects.

Test your paint colours against furniture and fabrics

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Choosing the right flooring

The flooring you choose should very much depend on the room you are fitting it in. The perfect living room flooring will not necessarily work in the kitchen or the bathroom.

In new properties, you pretty much have free reign to choose what you like, whereas in a period property, your decision is likely to be dictated by the style of the home.

You will also be led by budget, and this isn't just the cost of the flooring, but also which options are easier to install yourself if you are looking to make further savings here.

Types of flooring

STONE

A popular flooring solution that is extremely hard wearing and looks great in both traditional and contemporary homes. Natural stone flooring is a great choice for kitchens.

PORCELAIN AND CERAMIC TILES

Hard wearing and available in lots of styles and finishes, they are low maintenance and cost wise, are cheaper than natural stone. Their regular shape makes them easy to lay and they are both easy to clean and hard to damage.

ENGINEERED FLOORING AND SOLID WOOD

Wooden flooring is a common feature in period homes, particularly on first floors where stone alternatives would not have been feasible. It can also be worked into contemporary schemes and engineered options (laminated timber) offer a more water and movement resistant alternative to solid wood.

LAMINATE

Renowned for it's toughness, it is also easy to install as it usually has click system installation, without the need for glue and nails.

LINOLEUM AND VINYL

Yellowed, flimsy coverings you might remember are definitely a thing of the past. These materials now offer far more than just cheap and cheerful flooring. Durable, water-resistant and easy to maintain, vinyl in particular has undergone a huge evolution with ultra modern stone and wood designs now available.

LUXURY VINYL TILE

A high end version of vinyl, that comes in planks or tiles rather than in a single roll. It is warm underfoot and very convincing wood-effect versions are available providing the look of wood in places where real timber would not be suitable.

CARPET

Warm, comforting and quiet underfoot, it's not surprising that carpet remains an extremely popular choice. It is suitable for most rooms although it is usually best avoided in wet rooms. The type of carpet you choose should be influenced by the amount of traffic the area is expected to receive.

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Bathrooms

Whether you are completely renovating a bathroom or simply making some improvements, it is vital that you choose the bathroom suite to best suit the available space. It is important to take your time on this decision, as getting to grips with the huge variety of traditional, modern and minimalist designs can be tricky. Remember, you'll use this new bathroom on a daily basis, and will therefore have to live with your suite decision, for a long time to come. So how should you go about choosing bathroom suites?

There has never been such a wide selection of white bathroom suites to choose from as you will find in today's bathroom market. For this reason it is important to have in mind a look and overall effect that you would like to achieve with your bathroom design. You need to consider colour schemes, lighting and how the bathroom will fit in with the rest of your home before choosing a bathroom suite.

It is also important to think about the size of the suite within the room, and the functionality of the suite; would you like to install eco-friendly features or do you have any special access requirements? Once you've decided on what to prioritise between practicality and design – or an attempt to achieve both – you can start browsing the vast collection of suites available.

Make the Most of your Available Space

There are many bathroom suites specifically designed for smaller bathrooms or oddly shaped rooms. With limited space, it is vital to design a floor plan and ensure your favourite suite will be able to be installed comfortably. Making sure you are aware of the space you have to work with will help you know what is possible to achieve in your given space. In larger bathrooms you can make the most of the space with a large, free standing bath which neatly matches the rest of the suite, or maybe you will look to install a shower enclosure. No matter what the shape, size or style of your bathroom, there are a wide variety of shower enclosures out there. From those that will fit the smallest of bathroom spaces, to lavish walk in showers which can become the main attraction in your bathroom.

Choosing Bathroom Furniture

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Fires & Fireplaces

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Fireplaces were once a mainstay in every home, a central feature and the essential source of heat in the room. They then took a bit of a backseat, yet recently, they have been heading for a resurgence, not least because of the value one can add to your home.

The appeal of real fire has increased a lot in recent times. Thoughts of warmth and a cosy glow has prompted many folk to relocate their huge flat screen TVs and install / construct a fireplace, or restore what was already there.

The warmth a real fire creates naturally means you can reduce use of your central heating, which leads to cost savings. Heating just the room you are using will make savings over the long term, and remember, heat rises so you may find it sufficiently heats the upstairs too, if you remember to keep all of your doors open. Newer technology also means that real fires can be installed in properties that would previously have been deemed inappropriate, such as terraced housing.

What to choose

When it comes to choosing between real or gas, it's a simple question of preference. There is no doubting the convenience of simply being able to push a button and have instant heat and the look of a fire, as opposed to having to wait for an age for the heat, and then having to wait again until it has gone out before you go up to bed.

Original fireplaces; 'period features' are highly desirable and lots of people are seeking out ones which were made in the same year as their home. Whether they suit it or not.

Of course, when it comes to adding value to your home, you want to also combine aesthetics into the mix. You wouldn't buy any old wood burner simply because you might wish to sell your home in the next decade; it's something you'll have to look at every day and use.

Choosing the right fireplace is a big part of that. Fortunately, most stone hearths and fireplaces are neutral in colour, so can equally blend seamlessly into a room or stand out, depending on what effect you'd like to achieve. Understated, limestone is a classy and elegant choice, while slate hearths provide a rustic element which compliments the limestone or works just as well on its own.
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Kitchens

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The kitchen really is the heart of the home. Have you ever wondered why it is that family, and friends all tend to congregate here. Our kitchens are where we cook, eat, entertain and socialise, so it is important to create a space that ticks all of these boxes – and more.

For a busy family home, a fitted kitchen is a bespoke solution that offers fantastic functionality and will streamline the space enabling you to make the most of every square inch. Go to any reputable kitchen company and you will be able to see a range of different styles. The look of your kitchen is important. It should appeal to your tastes but also be in keeping with the rest of the property. When designing your kitchen, there are three main styles for you to consider : Traditional, Modern and Shaker.

Traditional

The appeal of traditional kitchens is in the balance between style and longevity. The primary purpose of this style of kitchen is to cook and so it is common to have appliances, utensils and ingredients on show, adding character to the room.

Modern

A modern or contemporary kitchen celebrates the fact that the kitchen is no longer simply a place to prepare and cook meals ; it is also an important living space. Modern style kitchens offer clean lines, sleek finishes, striking designs and are often open-plan. Unlike a traditional kitchen, they utilise clever storage ideas to hide away clutter so it doesn't deter from the minimalist look.

Shaker

This style of kitchen has a design that is focused on simplicity and functionality, rather than ornamentation. It has proved to be a timeless design and remains a popular choice today. Thanks to its clean lines and practical layout, it is suitable for both modern and traditional homes.

Looking for some budget kitchen ideas?

If your current kitchen is looking a little tired, you don't have to spend a fortune to give it a fresh , modern look. Replacement kitchen doors and kitchen drawer fronts can completely transform your old kitchen at a fraction of the cost of a refit.

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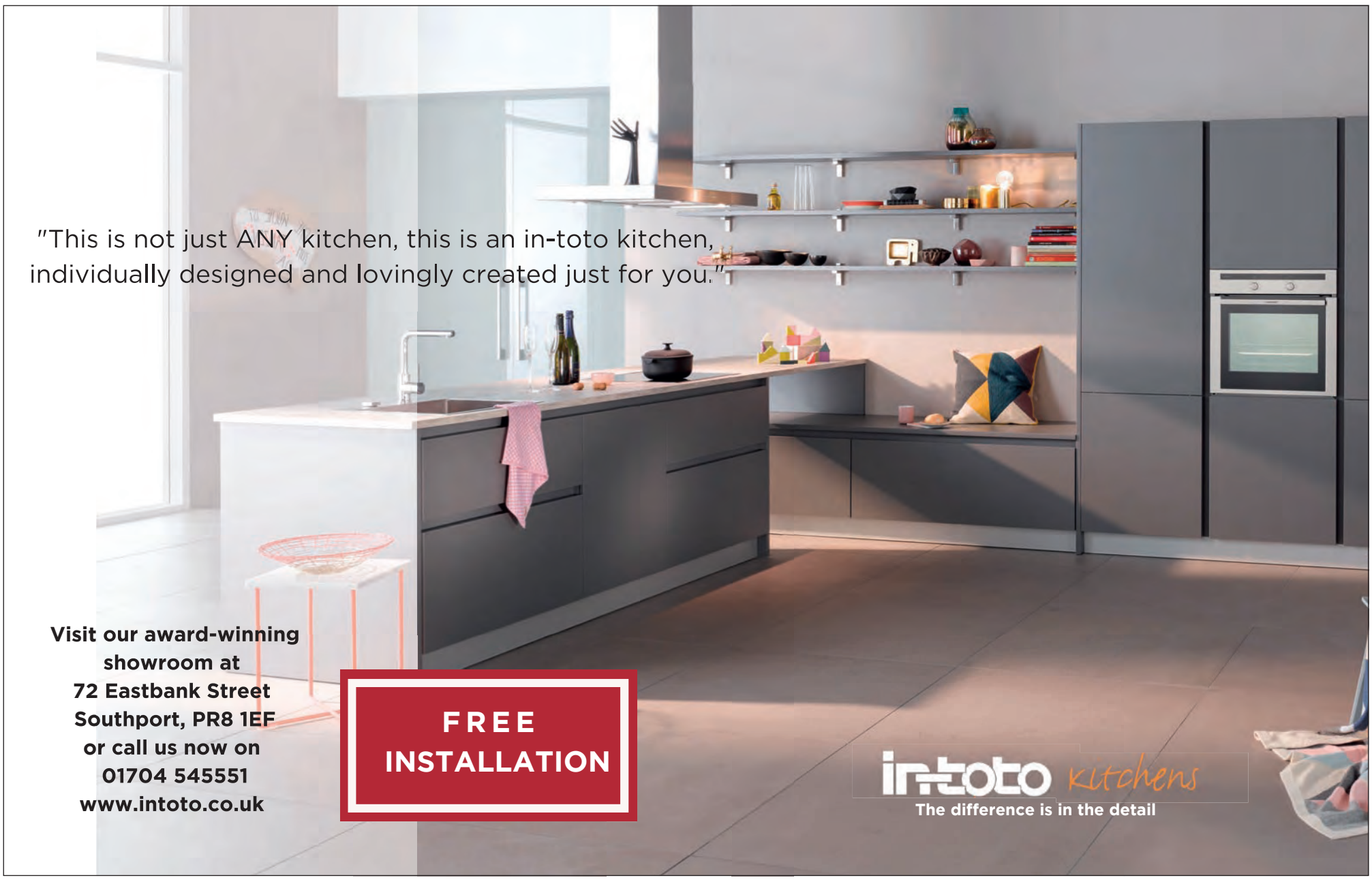
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